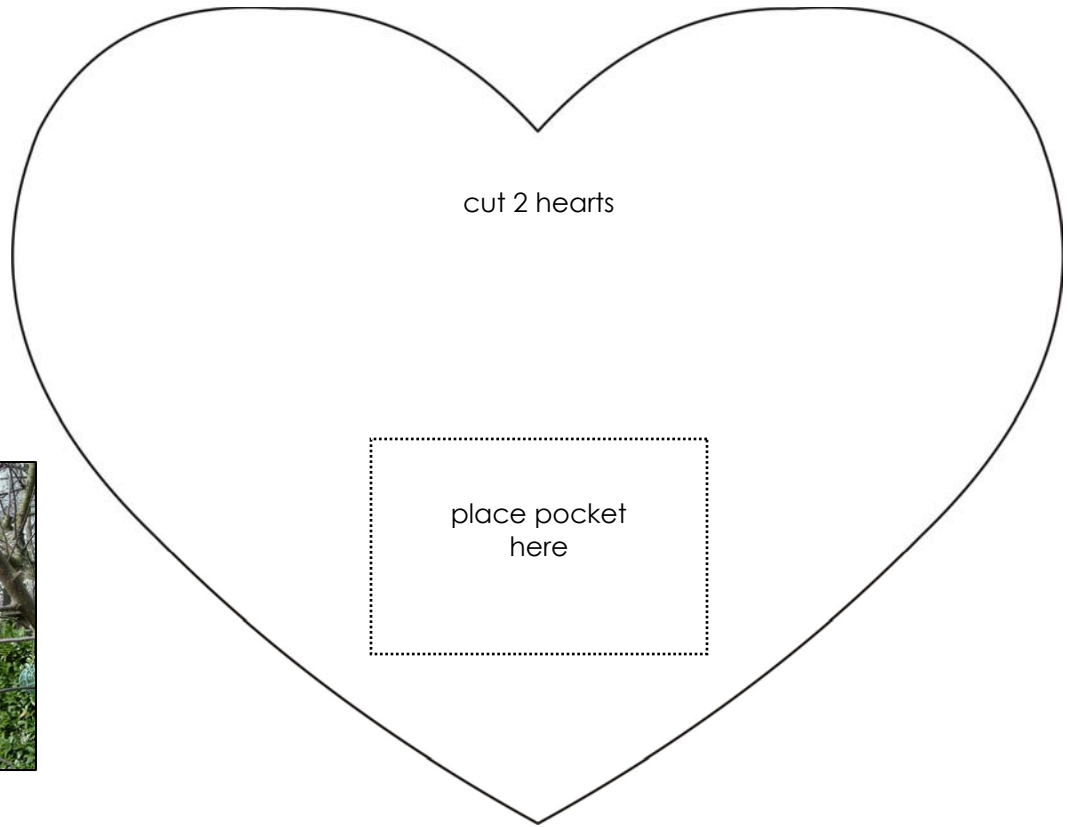
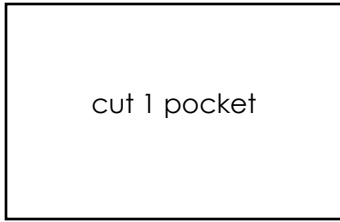
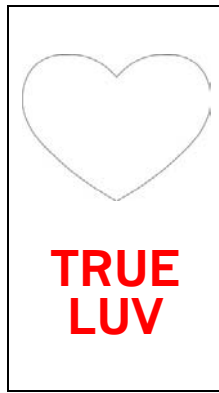


Felted Sweater Puffy Valentine Pattern



Valentine's Cards



Heart Supplies:

- Valentine's colored wool sweater that is at least 75% wool or felt. I prefer the felted sweater because it's thicker than standard felt. You could also use an old wool blanket.
- Empty cereal box.
- Craft glue: I prefer Kid's Choice Glue by Beacon Adhesives. It has a nice tackiness, dries quickly and is safe to use with kids. You could also use any other type of tacky glue.
- Stuffing: before buying stuffing, consider an old pillow or worn out stuffed animal. The stuffing can be repurposed for this project.
- Optional: needle, DMC floss, yarn or other colorful thread, sewing pins
- Fabric + paper scissors (don't use your sharp fabric scissors on paper).
- Sharpie Marker
- 16" piece of yarn or ribbon

Card Supplies:

- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Glitter
- Glue pen
- Scissors or x-acto knife

Heart Directions:

Wash sweater in hot water and detergent to felt. Run through the dryer to felt further. You can always wash and dry a second time to get a tighter weave and thicker fabric. By washing and drying the sweater, you're causing the wool fibers to lock together, creating a felted fabric that won't fray. Be sure to felt the sweater with similar colors otherwise you'll end up with other colors and lint felted into the fabric.

While the sweater is washing & drying, print the heart pattern and using a glue stick, glue to the cereal box. Do the same with the pocket pattern. These are the templates. Cut templates out with scissors.

Once the sweater is dry, cut apart the sweater at the side and shoulder seams. Lay fabric flat. Decide which side will be the back. Take the heart and pocket templates and trace an outline with the Sharpie Marker. Cut the shape out with scissors. If there is black marker still on the felt, you can gently trim away with the scissors.

Turn one of the hearts right side up. Using glue or a needle and thread, affix the pocket to the front of the heart. If you are sewing, you can use a whip stitch or a blanket stitch in a contrasting thread color.

Take the back of the heart, wrong side facing up. Take the ribbon and fold in half to create a loop. Set the ends of the ribbon about 1/2" inside the top of the heart. Glue or tack into place. This loop will allow you to hang the heart on a doorknob, branch, or nightstand.

Glue or stitch all the way around the heart, leaving approximately 2" open at one side. You need the opening so you can stuff the heart. If you are gluing, allow the glue to set for at least 30-45 minutes before stuffing.

Gently stuff the heart, filling the mounds at the top of the heart and working from the far end to the center and finally to the opening. Do not overstuff the heart or it will be hard to glue shut. If you have accidentally overstuffed, you can glue and use sewing pins to hold the edges in place until the glue has dried.

Card Directions:

Print out the cards. They are approximately 1 1/8" x 2" (incase you want to cut out your own).

Affix the cards with a glue stick to card stock. To smooth out any bumps, gently pull a credit card across the surface. This burnishes the surface and eliminates air pockets and glue bumps.

Using a glue pen, outline and fill in the heart. There are many medium sized glue pens such as Aleene's. Dust with glitter.

Using a fine glue pen, such as a Sakura fine line glue pen, outline the letters and dust in a different color of glitter.

Let the glitter dry. Then, taking an x-acto knife or scissors, cut out the card just inside the outline so that it doesn't show. If it does show, outline with the glue pen and glitter.

Once the card is dry, tuck into the heart pocket and present to your favorite Valentine!