

Bouquet of Love Valentine's Day Greeting Card craft

This greeting card is easy to make, and has room for some creativity. Between cutting out the hearts and decorating them, you can do different sizes and drawn decorations to make this a unique card. The finished result is a cute Valentine's Day card that you can give to someone you care about!

Each kit includes:

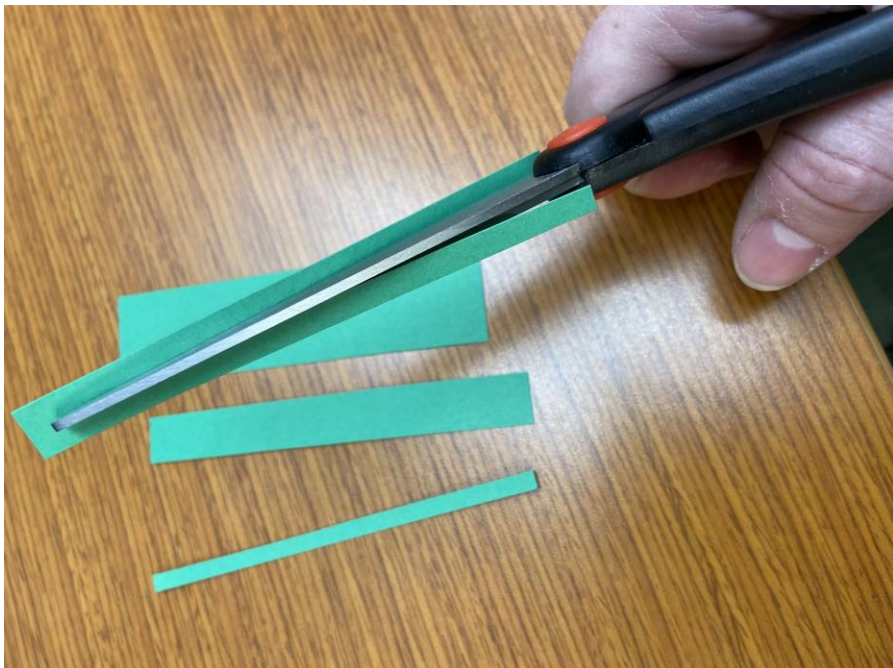
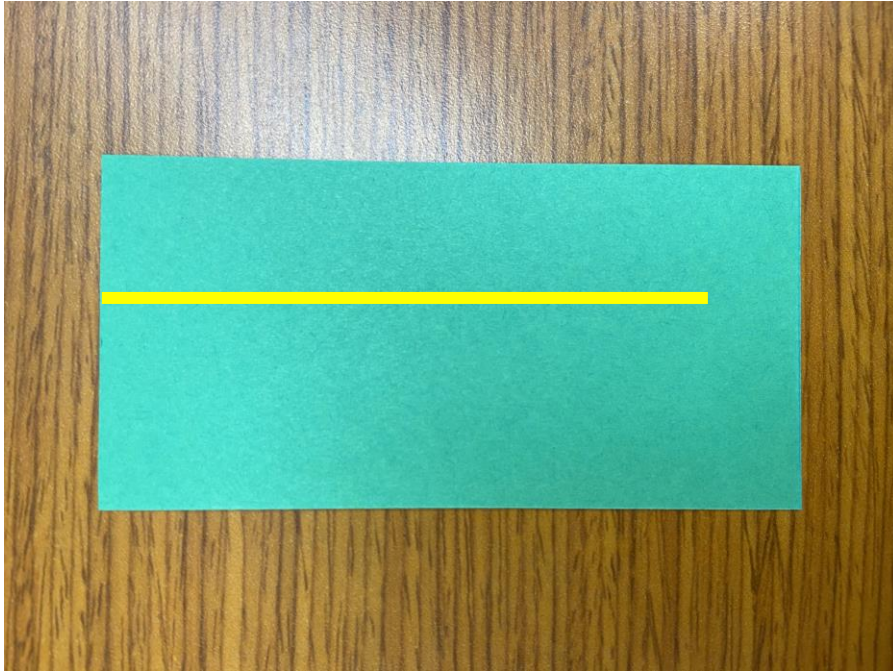
- One 2 x 4 inch piece of green paper
- Various squares of red/pink/purple paper
- One piece of ribbon
- One glue stick
- One greeting card & envelope

You will need to find:

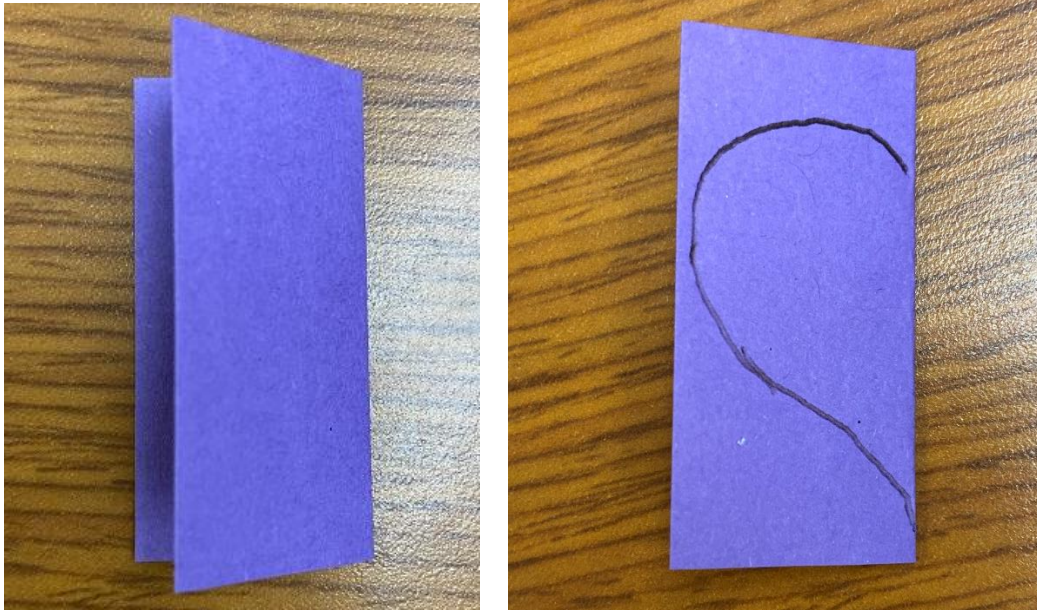
- Scissors
- Ink pen or pencil for outline
- Marker type Pen (I used black felt tip) for decoration

Let's get started!

1. Cut the green piece of paper in half lengthwise, and cut each resulting piece in half, until you have many thin, long strips (yellow line for example). I cut mine into twelve pieces total but won't use them all. Set aside for now.



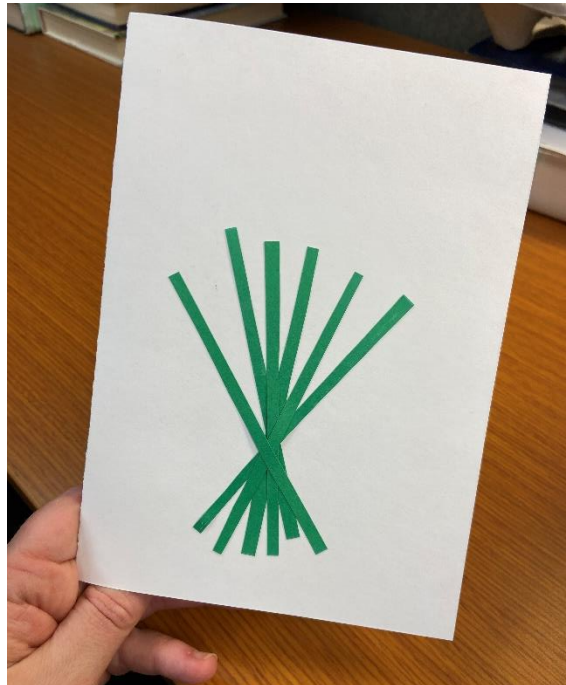
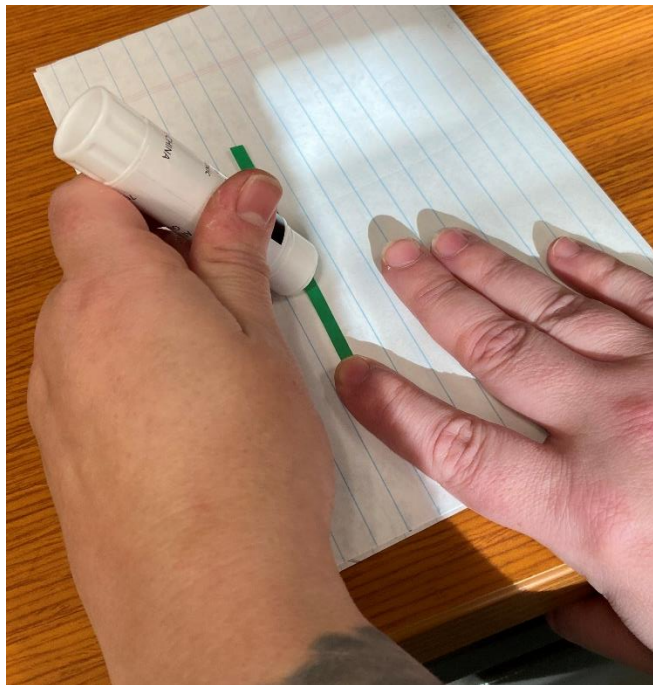
2. With each remaining piece of heart-colored paper, fold in half. Draw $\frac{1}{2}$ a heart shape with a pencil or regular ink pen, with the middle of the heart being the folded edge of the paper. Do this for all the colors you want to use and feel free to change size/shape of heart.



3. Cut along the line you drew. When you open the folded paper you should have a symmetrical heart.
4. When all pieces are cut, draw a unique design on each heart with your felt tip or sharpie. *Make sure you draw on the opposite side of the one you made your ink pen outline on.*



5. Using a piece of scrap paper to protect your surface, use the glue stick on one side of your green strips. Glue down as many strips of the green paper as you want, crossing them 1/2 to 1/3 of the way towards the bottom, to the front of the cardstock greeting card.



6. Then, attach each heart to the card using a single strip of glue down the middle. Doing this will leave the edges free and provides a bit of texture to your card. Overlap as needed; I put my larger hearts down first.



7. Cut your ribbon in half –OR- tie in a tiny knot, and glue on the card where the green stems overlap.



8. Finally, write a message inside or on the front of the card.
9. Your card is now done! If you are mailing out, remember to include enough postage to account for the weight/thickness of the card.

