

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEART SHAPED CRAFT PATTERN**

When you look at the pattern for the heart, you'll see that it is made up of a solid black line, a row of red lines, and a row of blue dots.

### **The black line is the outline of the heart.**

You need to cut along this line, then place the heart cut-out onto the felt and then draw the outline around it. Now do it again. Cut your 2 hearts out of the felt. You need 2 cut-out hearts to be able to put them together and stuff them.

### **The Red Line is where your stitches need to go**

You have a choice of 2 types of stitches. I've found the smaller kids find it easier to use an in and out stitch (tacking) and the older kids, being 5 years old and up, manage a good over under stitch (hemming).

### **The Blue Line is a suggestion line**

For this pattern it would be the suggestion would be: Do you want to have a hanging heart or not? If you want a hanging decoration then this is where you would attach your string or ribbon.

## **LET'S DO THIS.....**

You now have 2 pieces of felt that are heart shaped. If you do not want to sew beads onto your heart then just move onto step 2. Otherwise let's go to step 1.

### **STEP 1**

Thread your needle, making a knot at the bottom to stop the thread from pulling through the felt. A helpful tip...After you've inserted the thread into the eye of your needle, tie a half knot just underneath the eye. This is done so that your child's thread doesn't keep coming out of the eye. This keeps frustration levels down (and you don't constantly have to rethread needles.

Now choose your first bead. Poke your needle from the back of the felt to the front. Then thread a bead onto the needle. Poke the needle into the front of the felt, and pull it through to the back. Try and get it as close to the point that you brought it through in the first place.

Now you do that all over again until you have enough beads on the front of your heart to make you happy!

Do this to both hearts and then move onto step 2.

## **STEP 2**

Place your 2 hearts back against back and pin them together. Now you need to thread a needle in a contrasting colour and start stitching from the bottom point of the heart up towards the rounded part at the top. Work your way around the heart until you get to the point of inserting your hanging ribbon, if so desired. Follow the red lines, otherwise you'll find that the felt moves apart when you stuff it. If you have no ribbon to insert then move onto step 4.

## **STEP 3**

Insert a piece of ribbon about 1.5cm deep in between the 2 hearts, and sew over it.

## **STEP 4**

Keep sewing until you get half way down the side of the heart. About half way between the round bit and the pointed bottom part. Now do a double stitch and cut your thread.

## **STEP 5**

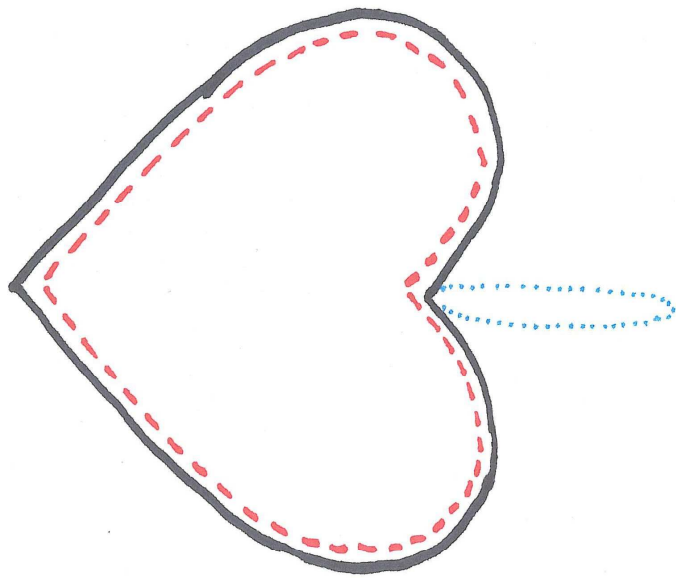
Remove the pin in the middle if you've been using one. Take your chosen stuffing and stuff the heart, not too full, otherwise your kids will struggle to hold it together to sew it shut.

## **STEP 6**

Rethread your needle and sew the gaping hole shut, remembering to do a double or triple stitch at the bottom. You don't want your heart coming undone!

That's it, you're finished! Now it's time for a cup of tea. Knowing you're enjoying a well deserved break.

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