

HANDMADE VALENTINE'S DAY

10 DIY ideas for crafts, recipes, gifts, decorations, and fun ways to show your love





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Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show your love and appreciation for those in your life—from your spouse and kids to your grandparents, co-workers, and even special teachers—who make your life better. For a Valentine's Day with heart, look beyond store-bought items to more heartfelt mementos you make by hand.



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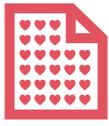


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LOVE LETTERS

Show your spouse, your children, or even your mom how much you love them with these simple photo project ideas that make a BIG statement.



A bold way to tell someone you love them is to spell out L-O-V-E (or any other word) with photos on a wall.

1. Choose a shape

First, pick a shape. It can be anything simple—a word, initial, star, heart. You can outline the shape—or the boundaries of it—onto your wall with colored painting tape or arrange the photos on the floor first. Or, just start taping up your pictures. Whatever suits your style!

2. Gather and print pictures

Gather and print enough photos to construct your shape. (You'll need anywhere from twenty-five 4" x 6" pictures for a small shape up to 100 for a large display.) You can play with color, too—printing pictures that are mostly red, blue, green, etc.

Get more tips for printing 4" x 6" photos.

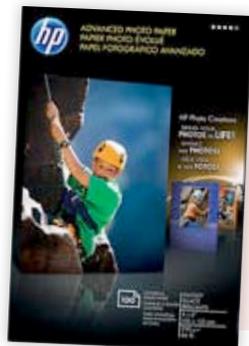
3. Tape together your masterpiece

It's important to use reusable tape that will come off your wall—and your photos—when you remove your pictures. This makes it easy for you to move pictures around until you get the shape just right, too.



Cast a spell

Put a creative spin on a classic Valentine's Day sentiment: Take photos of the words (or symbols for the words) in the phrase, *I love you* and make a special photo message. For a special touch, and a fun challenge, add your sweetie's name (or a nickname), to the end of the photo message.



printing pointer

HP Advanced Photo Paper, 4" x 6" dries instantly for smudge-free, wall-worthy prints. The perforated tabs make for easy handling (and fewer fingerprints) while you're applying tape to the photos (www.hp.com/go/inkandtoner).



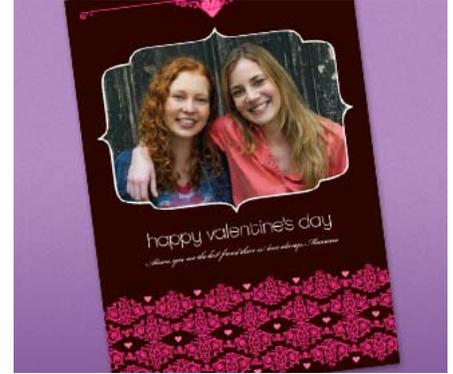
DIY VALENTINE CARDS



Love Potion: 5" x 7" card



Sweetheart: 5" x 7" card



Heart Lattice 5" x 7" card

Stock up and save

FREE 

Get free shipping, delivered next business day on all ink, toner, and paper when you buy from the **HP Home & Home Office online store** (www.hp.com/go/inkandtoner)!



Emoticon: Half-fold card



Victorian: Miniature Valentines



Love Letters: Quarter-fold card



Heartstrings: Half-fold card



60XL Black

You can print up to three times more pages versus HP standard-size cartridges!¹

¹ Compared with the standard, single HP ink cartridges. See: www.hp.com/go/learnaboutsupplies.



SPECIAL DELIVERY

These colorful crafts make the perfect containers for your little one's valentines—in the classroom or at home.



Crocodile Valentine Box

Turn an ordinary tissue box into a fiercely creative (not to mention cute as a croc) valentine holder.



Teddy Bear Treat Bag

Teddy Treats. So cute, you can bearly look at it without smiling!

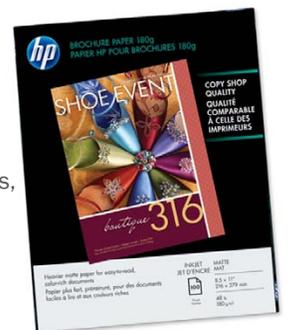


Valentine Post Boxes

Sealed with a kiss. These mailboxes, available in pink and blue, are way cooler than a shoebox. Use them for mail or treats.

printing pointer

Choose a sturdy paper like HP Brochure and Flyer Paper for your valentine's mailboxes, mini-cards, and other crafts.





LITTLE LOVE NOTES

Print a whole bunch of valentines for your kid's entire classroom, or surprise your family by sneaking a note into a lunch box or coat pocket.

A) Dino Delight cards



B) Animal Love cards



A) **Dino-mite!** Tell friends that they're the Tricera-tops. B) **Puppy Love.** Adorable animals chirp sweet messages of friendship. C) **Better Together.** You're cookies, they're milk. D) **Cute Critters.** Friends will flock to these wild, tropical-colored cards.

C) Better Together cards



D) Critter Friends cards



See all our free, printable Valentine projects at [HP Creative Studio](http://www.hp.com/create) (www.hp.com/create).

Paper heart garland

Jessica at [How About Orange](#) makes a simple and lovely **Paper Heart Garland** with colored paper. They are a great way to use up leftover paper scraps—you could even use old book pages. And they're a perfect project to create with the kids.

Materials:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Pen or chopstick
- String
- Needle
- Double stick tape



How-to and photo courtesy of Jessica at [How About Orange](#) (howaboutorange.blogspot.com)

Instructions:

1. Cut colored paper into 3/4" strips.
2. Fold them in half, or if you want some hearts that are twice as big, splice two strips of paper together at the bottom of each heart with double stick tape.
3. Curl the loose ends around a chopstick or pen.
4. String the heart garland together from the bottom up. You can use any thread, but clear thread will create the best effect. Available at fabric stores, it's curly and hard to see so you have to fight with it a bit, but it turns out nearly invisible.
5. Push your threaded needle up through the bottom fold of each heart, then use double stick tape to sandwich the thread between the two halves of the curled tops.



Hanging hearts



Fill a room (or an office) with these lovely hanging hearts.

They are so inexpensive and easy that you can make a flurry of fluttering hearts to decorate a window or fill a room.

The [HP Creative Studio](#) has an array of valentine decorations—everything from hanging hearts to dinner sets to paper flowers.

Heart smarts



Up until the 1500s, the word *Valentine* meant the person whose name was picked from a box to be chosen as your sweetheart. Around 1533, it was used to refer to a folded piece of paper with your sweetheart's name. By 1610, it became the gift given to your love. And by 1824, it referred to a poem, letter, or other written verse.



MODERN LOVE



You can ePrint photos and documents directly to your printer from virtually anywhere.¹

ePrint Your Heart Out

Send an unexpected valentines message from virtually anywhere with HP ePrint. HP ePrint is a free mobile printing technology that allows you to print to any HP ePrint-enabled printer (like your mother's printer) using an e-mail-enabled device (like your smartphone). Send photos to friends and family far away. Or, ePrint a love letter to your sweetheart's printer.¹

Find an ePrint-enabled printer in the [HP Photosmart e-All-in-One Buying Guide](http://www.hp.com/go/photoprinterguide) (www.hp.com/go/photoprinterguide). Much like your smartphone, new HP Photosmart e-All-in-Ones let you download free apps—HP Print Apps—to access content like movie tickets, news, maps, creative projects, recipes, and photo-sharing sites. All from your printer's touchscreen—PC free!²

Love story



Whether your love is like a red, red rose—or more like a romantic comedy—this is the time of year to tell people how much you treasure them. And a hand-written love letter is the kind of thing the recipient will hold on to long after the holiday is passed.

This **Valentine's Stationery** is the perfect backdrop for expressing your feelings to your sweetie, kids, grandparents—anyone you adore. Tap into your inner poet to write a love letter on this stationery. Or, package it as a gift for friends to use.



Get cards, crafts, and romantic stationery right from your printer.

Be My Valentine Print App

The **Be My Valentine App** provides cards, crafts, and romantic stationery for your friends and your special sweetheart! You can also use HP Print Apps to find dinner recipes, print movie tickets, and more—making your date night easy and dreamy.² Get more ideas for [using HP Print Apps to plan your Valentine's Day](#).

¹ Requires an Internet connection to the printer. Feature works with any connected Internet- and e-mail-capable device. Print times may vary. For a list of supported documents and image types, see www.hp.com/go/ePrinterCenter. And for additional solutions, see www.hp.com/go/mobile-printing-solutions.

² Requires a wireless access point and an Internet connection to the printer. Services may require registration. App availability varies by country, language and agreements. For details, see www.hp.com/go/ePrinterCenter.



GAMES OF LOVE



Valentine's Day Matching



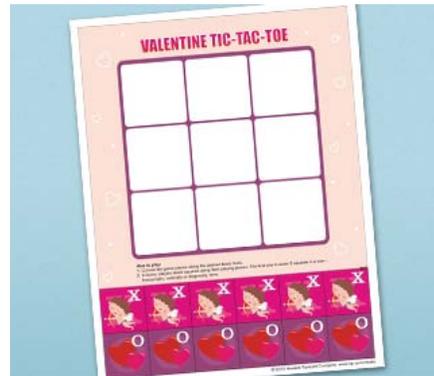
Valentine's Day Word Search



Valentine's Day Word Scramble



Valentine's Day Cut and Paste



Valentine's Day Tic-Tac-Toe



Valentine's Day Bingo



Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt



Love at first print

Print content like kids activity pages directly from the Web without a PC using Print Apps using the [HP Photosmart 5510 e-All-in-One](#). All this, plus top-quality photos and crisp everyday documents for only \$99! Find a present for yourself or a special someone with the help of the [HP Photosmart Buying Guide](#) (www.hp.com/go/photoprinterguide).



FROM THE HEART: COOKIES

Skip the box of chocolates and bake these lovely little treats instead. The MyRecipes.com [print app](#) on Web-connected [HP Photosmart e-All-in-One printers](#) contains recipes from *Cooking Light*, *Real Simple*, and other popular publications.

Chocolate-Dipped Hazelnut Shortbread Hearts

From MyRecipes.com

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup chopped hazelnuts, peeled and lightly toasted, plus extra for sprinkling, if desired*
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 large egg yolk
- 10 ounce dark chocolate, finely chopped**

*To peel hazelnuts, roast at 350° for 6 to 8 minutes, and rub in a towel while warm to remove skins.

**For testing purposes, we used Scharffen Berger chocolate.

DIRECTIONS

1. Process ½ cup toasted, chopped hazelnuts and next 4 ingredients in a food processor until nuts are finely ground. Add butter, vanilla, and egg yolk; pulse until butter is cut in evenly and mixture starts to come together, scraping down sides of machine once or twice. (Dough will be very crumbly and may not come together fully until kneaded.)
2. Remove dough from processor, and knead lightly 2 or 3 times. Flatten into a disc, wrap with plastic wrap, and chill at least 2 hours or up to 3 days. Remove from refrigerator 10 minutes prior to rolling.
3. Preheat oven to 350°. Roll dough to ¼-inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Cut heart shapes with a 2 ½-inch cookie cutter, and place on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Gather and reroll dough scraps, and cut again.
4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or just until edges turn light golden brown. Remove from oven, transfer cookies to a wire rack, and cool completely.
5. Melt chocolate in a double boiler over low heat, stirring often, or in a microwave on HIGH 1 ½ to 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds. Cool slightly. Dip half of each cookie into melted chocolate, and place on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle with chopped hazelnuts, if desired, and chill about 15 minutes or just until chocolate sets. Remove from refrigerator, and store in a single layer in an airtight container up to 2 days.

Note: You can make the dough ahead, wrap it well with plastic wrap, and freeze up to four months. Thaw in refrigerator overnight before cutting and baking. (MyRecipes.com)



Share the love (and the cookies)

Wrap the cookies in cellophane and pair with hot cocoa mix for a festive Valentine's Day teacher or co-worker gift.





FROM THE HEART: GRILLED CHEESE

You already bought that heart-shaped cookie cutter for cookies. Why not use it to create little sandwiches for an unexpected twist on an old favorite: grilled cheese.

Heart-Shaped Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

All You (MyRecipes.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 16 slices firm white sandwich bread
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 ¼ cups (about 4 oz.) shredded Cheddar
- ¼ cup bottled sweet pepper relish
- Pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 200°F and line a large rimmed baking sheet with foil. Lightly mist a griddle or large skillet with cooking spray.
2. Use a 2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter to cut three hearts from each slice of bread.
3. Lightly brush both sides of bread with butter.
4. Place about 1 ½ tsp. cheese in the center of half of hearts. Use fingers to spread cheese and lightly pack it down, following shape of hearts. Top cheese with about ¼ tsp. relish and season with pepper. Place remaining hearts on top of filling, lightly pressing down to form firm, well-shaped sandwiches.
5. Working in batches, cook sandwiches on griddle or in skillet over medium-high heat until lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes per side. Use a small spatula to carefully flip sandwiches over. Place finished sandwiches on lined baking sheet and keep warm in oven until ready to serve.

(MyRecipes.com)



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video tutorial

You can get more recipes, printable decorations, games, and activities—all from the HP Print Apps on your Web-connected printer.¹

- ▶ See it: Watch how HP Print Apps work in these [videos](#).
- ▶ Check out the [HP Photosmart Buying Guide](#) to find a printer with HP Print Apps (www.hp.com/go/photoprinterguide).

¹ Requires a wireless access point and an Internet connection to the printer. Services may require registration. App availability varies by country, language and agreements. For details, www.hp.com/go/eprintcenter.



PRINTS CHARMING



If you don't love your printer, it's time to find one that you're crazy about.

The **HP Photosmart 7510 e-All-in-One**, the newest addition to the e-All-in-One lineup, offers premium, lab-quality photo printing and versatile features like automatic double-sided printing and an automatic document feeder.

Or use the **HP Photosmart Buying Guide** (www.hp.com/go/photoprinterguide) to compare, contrast, and find a printer that allows you to print content directly from the Web without a PC using HP Print Apps.⁴ Most HP Photosmart e-All-in-Ones also feature HP ePrint—so you can print to your printer from virtually anywhere.⁵



Save on supplies— and get free shipping

Before you begin printing, be sure you have plenty of ink on hand. To save money, try **HP high-capacity (XL) ink cartridges**, which print up to three times more pages than standard HP ink cartridges.¹ You can also save up to 10% with HP multipacks and 20% on ink and photo paper when you purchase these supplies together in HP Photo Value Packs.^{2,3}



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Share more photos in 2012



What resolutions did you make for 2012? Whether you want to restore or organize your family photos—or simply print and share more photos with loved ones, you'll find photography tips, creative projects, and inspiration at the **HP Digital Photography Center** (www.hp.com/go/digitalphotography).

¹ Compared with the standard, single HP ink cartridges. See: www.hp.com/go/learnaboutsupplies.

² Compared with single, standard HP ink cartridges. Based on average retail pricing. Actual retail pricing may vary.

³ Compared with purchasing ink and photo paper separately.

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