

Valentine's Day Charms

There's nothing like some Valentine's Day charms to give you a dose of luck on this romantic day! These whimsical heart charms are a snap to make, and lots of fun to decorate. Much like vintage paper valentines, felt Valentine's Day charms are cute and colorful, making them a great gift for a best friend, family member or secret crush. Parents who like to sew will love making this Valentine's Day craft together with their child.

What You Need:

- Paper
- Red and pink felt
- Chalk
- Scissors
- Red and pink thread
- Needle
- Glitter glue
- Craft wire
- Needle-nosed pliers
- Glue
- Small beads (optional)
- Yarn or a necklace



What You Do:

1. Lay some paper on a flat surface.
2. Have your child fold the sheets of felt in half, and draw a half heart on the creased side. They should measure about an inch tall.
3. Cut out the heart shapes. You will need two hearts, sandwiched together, for every charm.
4. Have your child thread a needle with thread, and try to use a color that contrasts with the color of the felt so it stands out.
5. Help your child sew two felt hearts together. Voila! You have a heart charm.
6. Now get creative and embellish the charm with glitter glue and beads, if you'd like. Some glitter around the edges gives it a neat look!
7. Keep making charms until you have enough for a bracelet or necklace, and lay them on a piece of paper to dry completely.
8. Flip the charms over face down on the paper, and cut a 1 1/2" piece of craft wire.
9. Bend the wire into a U shape with the pliers.
10. Squeeze a drop of glue on the back of a heart charm, and press the bent craft wire into the glue so the loop sticks up over the top of the charm.
11. Repeat steps 8-10 for all of your charms.
12. Let the glue to dry overnight.
13. String the charms onto a chain or a piece of yarn to create a necklace or bracelet.

Every time you look at these charms, you'll be reminded of your love!