

NO-SEW LOVEBUG HEART CUSHION



In honor of Valentine's Day this month, our resident creator Anelia shares a super cute, no-sew, cushion craft to do with your kids and celebrate the thing that binds you to each other—love.

Time: 90 minutes Level: Easy Age: 5+ with adult supervision

"Love, love, love . . . all you need is love." It's one of those catchy Beatles songs that you'll hum all day long after it sneaks into your mind. We're reminded of the sentiment shared in this song every 14th February—what we also know as Valentine's Day.

Each year on this day, people around the world celebrate love. This month's craft honors the idea of spreading love on this day, and reminds us to love and be loved each and every day, too. This cute and cuddly lovebug is fun and very easy to make, and your kids can join in, too.

Go kitsch, go cool, and go colorful with this craft. Make it stand out and be unique, just like your love.

Supplies

- A large piece of paper (enough for a 60 cm-wide heart)
- 2 pieces of 80 cm x 80 cm cotton or linen fabric of choice. I decided on contrasting designs to add more character to my cushion.
- Fabric scissors
- Sewing pins
- Cushion stuffing (you can also use stuffing from an old cushion as I did)
- Large plastic toy bug
- Glitter, rhinestones, and everything bling
- Pom-poms, ribbons, buttons or other decorations
- Hot glue gun





Instructions

1. Draw a 60 cm-wide heart on the paper, and cut it out to make a template.
2. Place the heart template on the first 80 cm x 80 cm piece of fabric. Pin it down with sewing pins, and cut around it. Repeat with the second piece of fabric.
3. Place the wrong sides of the two fabric hearts together, and set them aside.
4. Go back to your heart template, and cut out a smaller heart of 50 cm in width.
5. Place the smaller heart template on top of the fabric hearts you cut earlier, and pin in place, leaving a 10 cm-wide space around the paper heart.
6. Cut 1 cm-wide strips all around the paper template, making sure you cut through both layers of fabric.
7. Remove the paper template and start tying the strips together by taking one strip from the top and one from the bottom and tying a double knot. Continue all around the heart, leaving a small opening for your stuffing.
8. Stuff your cushion, and finish off by tying the small opening closed.
9. Add some sparkle to your toy bug with rhinestones, glitter and any other bling that you love! Anything goes with this little lovebug; so you and your kids can exercise your creativity when you decorate it. I used rhinestone stickers and washi tape.
10. Using the hot glue gun, attach your bug and other decorations to your heart-shaped cushion. Remember to avoid burning little fingers by supervising your child when using hot glue.
11. That's it! Your no-sew heart cushion is ready to cuddle.

Notes

You can use an old baby fleece blanket for the fabric too; they make beautiful, soft cushions.

This lovebug cushion makes the perfect gift for that special someone, or why not make it for yourself? Spread the love and have a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Here I am!



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