

# Dotty Valentine Cards

**These dotty cards** are a really fun way to say 'Happy Valentine's Day'. All you need are a few supplies that you probably already have



## Paper dotty cards

### Step 1

Take a piece of card and fold it in half to make a greetings card. Draw a very faint outline of a heart on the front of the card in pencil.

### Step 2

Punch holes in various pieces of different coloured paper to make a pile of small paper circles.

### Step 3

Apply glue to the heart just inside the pencil mark and sprinkle the small paper confetti-like circles onto the glue until the heart shape is full. If there are bare spots, just add a bit more glue and dots.

### Step 4

Leave to dry then erase the pencil line.

## Store cupboard

- Round hole punch
- Paper (various colours)
- Pencil
- Coloured card
- PVA glue (with brush) or a glue stick

## Hints and Tips

Children love using a hole punch, but pre-made confetti could be used instead. To give more dimension to these cards, cut the hearts out, apply sticky pads to the back of the heart, then stick down onto the front of a blank greetings card to slightly lift it.

## Printed dotty cards

### Step 1

Take a piece of card and fold it in half to make a greetings card. Draw a very faint outline of a heart on the front of the card in pencil.

### Step 2

Dip the rubber end of a pencil into paint and stamp the rubber onto the card inside the heart, near the edge but not on it.

### Step 3

Repeat the stamping all over the heart shape until it is filled as much as you like.

### Step 4

Let the paint dry and gently erase the faint pencil drawing of the heart.

## Store cupboard

- Pencils with new erasers on the ends
- Paint in assorted colours
- Coloured card
- Rubber
- Scissors

## Hints and Tips

Use a different pencil for each paint colour. Make sure you don't have too much paint on the eraser or the dot won't look very round. Corks and cotton buds can also be used as stamps to vary the size of the dots.

## Credit

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