

Perfect as a class activity, decoration, story prop or topic resource!

Flowers and hearts add pzazz to any environment, and the uses are endless. The bright colours and pretty shapes can be hung, set on surf aces, and attached to walls or white boards. Extend the activity by making heart and loop chains.



Sweet Shapes

Heart & Loop Chain

You will need:

- Borders - why not try some of these?



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- Stapler, scissors, and double-stick tape.

Directions:

Trim the scalloped edge off the border, if necessary.

For each heart on the chain, cut two lengths of border. One should be a few inches shorter than the other. For the smaller centre heart, fold the

shorter strip in half and crease. Curl the two ends toward each other to create the two curved tops, but do not secure yet. For the larger heart, repeat the steps using the longer border. Place the smaller heart inside the large heart and staple all four curved ends together to form the double heart. Complete as many hearts as needed for your chain.

For each loop on the chain, cut two lengths of border. One should be a few inches shorter than the other. Join two heart shapes by looping the longer strip through both hearts and securing ends with tape. Make a smaller loop within the large loop using the shorter border and secure it to the large loop.

Repeat until all hearts are linked by these double loops

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Heart

You will need:

- Borders, stapler, scissors and glue

Directions:

Trim the scalloped edge off the border if necessary. Create a heart by cutting two pieces of the border to the same length. The longer the pieces, the bigger the heart will be. Glue the two pieces back-to-back so the pattern is on both sides. Fold in half horizontally and crease to make the bottom point of the heart. Curl the two ends toward each other to create the two curved tops, and staple together.

If the heart needs additional reinforcement, the bottom fold can be stapled as well.



Flower

You will need:

- Borders, stapler, scissors, and double-stick or glue

Directions:

Trim the scalloped edge off the border if necessary. For this multi-petal flower, decide how large you would like the circumference of the flower to be. The larger the circumference, the longer your strips will need to be. Cut equal length strips from the border. You will need two strips for each petal. Glue two strips back-to-back so there is pattern on both sides. Join ends with a staple, tape or glue to form a petal. Create enough petals to make a complete circle. To connect the petals, glue or tape the pointed end of each petal side-by-side with another petal until they are all connected in a circle.