



# Make a shiny Valentine's heart

Valentine's Day is on 14 February, and this pretty heart decoration makes a nice gift or a colourful ornament. The heart is a universal symbol of love. Both the red heart and the hearts-for-eyes emojis are some of the most popular, used to communicate love and admiration. Below are some simple steps to creating a cloisonné effect. Cloisonné is a technique where coloured enamel or glass is held in place by metal strips. It is named after the French word *cloison*, which means "partition". Usually the metal shapes are crafted with copper or bronze wires but here we use string covered in foil to give a shiny, metal-like appearance.

## What you need

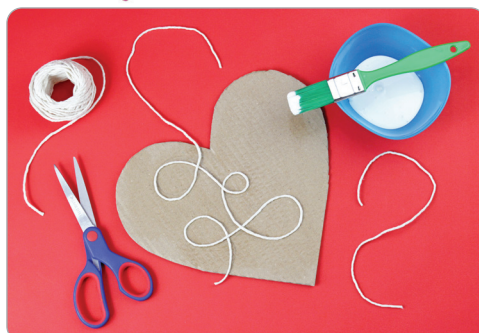
- Paper
- A pencil
- Scissors
- Thick card
- Glue
- Small brush
- String
- Foil
- Sticky tape
- A ribbon
- Paints
- Paintbrushes

## TOP TIP

You could use permanent pens to colour the foil instead of paint.



**1** Draw half a heart on a piece of folded paper, cut it out and unfold. Place it on your card and draw around it. Cut out the heart with scissors.



**2** Brush glue over the card heart. Then start coiling your string over the top to make a curly pattern.



**3** When the glue has dried, trim off the string ends around the edge so there is nothing hanging off the heart.



**4** Brush glue over the string and card. Put a piece of foil bigger than the heart over it. Press it gently so it doesn't break on the string.



**5** Turn over the card, fold the foil ends flat and stick with glue or sticky tape. Tape a loop of string or ribbon near the top.



**6** Fill the sections between the string patterns with paint. Leave the raised areas silver so the design shows up clearly.

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