



Technique:	Sewing, Fabric Crafting
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An evening
Finished size:	5" x 6" (12.70cm x 15.24cm)

Featuring Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements Craft Thread

Send your sweetheart the best card ever—a handmade one. Bold craft thread and creative stitchery accent the featured fabric hearts.

Supplies (for four cards)

- **Featured fabrics are from the FreeSpirit Jitterbug Collection by Amy Reber.**
- **Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements Craft Thread (6 wt.)**
- 4 sheets cardstock, 12" (30.48cm) square
- 1 sheet heart print cardstock, 12" (30.48cm) square
- Fabric scraps, at least 4" (10.16cm) square
- ½ yd (11.43cm) fusible interfacing
- Glue stick
- Large-eye hand sewing needle
- Hera marker (a tool that makes a crease to mark lines and leaves no residue)
- Craft knife
- Decorative edge scissors (optional)

Cutting

From each sheet of cardstock, cut:

(1) rectangle, 6" x 10" (15.24cm x 25.40cm)

From the heart cardstock, cut:

(4) squares, 3 3/4" (9.53cm)

From the fusible interfacing, cut:

(4) squares, 4" (10.16cm)

Preparing the Card Fronts

1. Using the hera marker, score a fold line 5" (12.70cm) from one short cut edge of the cardstock and fold.
2. Using the supplied heart pattern, choose a location and trace the heart onto the wrong side of the card front. Note that the heart can be centered or off to one side and straight or askew.
3. With the craft knife, carefully cut out the heart shape from each card. Use the decorative scissors to trim the lower front edge of the card, if desired.
4. Fuse interfacing to the back of each fabric square.
5. Run a thin line of glue around the wrong side of the heart cutout and finger-press a fabric square over the shape. Place something heavy on the cards to keep them flat and allow the glue to dry thoroughly.

Embellishing the Cards

There are several options for embellishing the cards with the heavy thread:

- Run a big stitch around the heart about 1/8" (.32cm) from the cut opening edge.
- Create a pattern of big stitches within the fabric heart.
- Stitch X patterns within the fabric motifs.
- Sew a hand overcast around the cut edges and into the fabric heart.

If you prefer to machine stitch an accent line, sew around the heart using a straight stitch with regular thread and a small needle size.

Add narrow trim around the heart if desired, either by sewing or gluing.

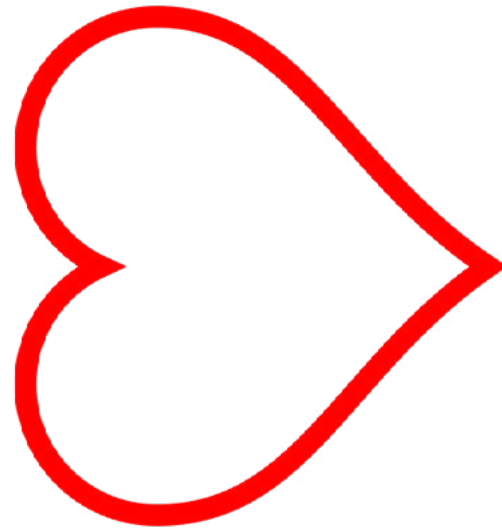
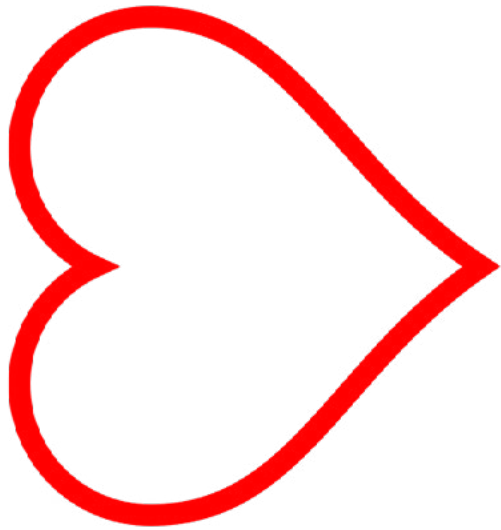
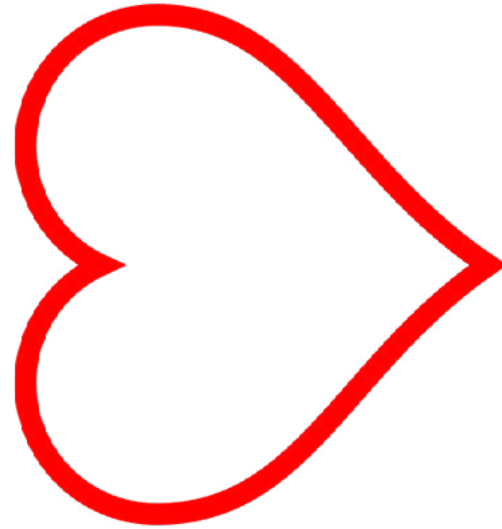
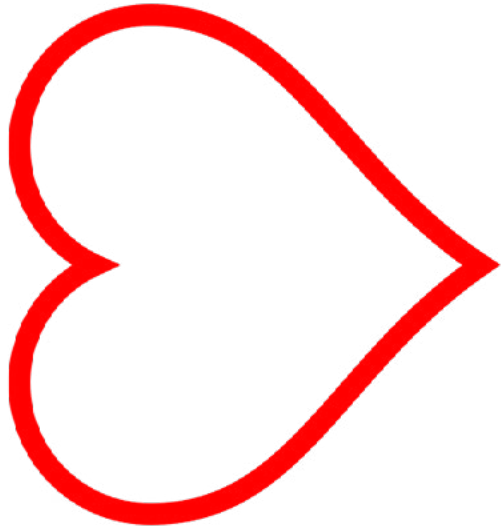
Add a little batting behind the heart cutout for dimension. Hold in place with the backing paper.

Finishing the Cards

1. Trim the fabric 1/4" (.64cm) outside the stitching/ cutout lines.
2. Glue a heart patterned cardstock square over the back of each stitched heart and allow to dry.
3. Fold the card on the scored line. Add a sentiment to the front and/or inside and give to your sweetie.

Tip: Purchase blank envelopes to fit your cards if you plan to mail them.





This square should
measure 1" x 1"
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)
when printed.

*** Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%***