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## **Letter From** Laurieann

Hi Fellow Crafters,

Hearts, flowers, sweets... the perfect time of year for crafts!

The Bluebonnet Crafters have many fun crafts in this issue. Don't forget to try out the **Chocolate Valentine Cake!**

Sincerely,

  
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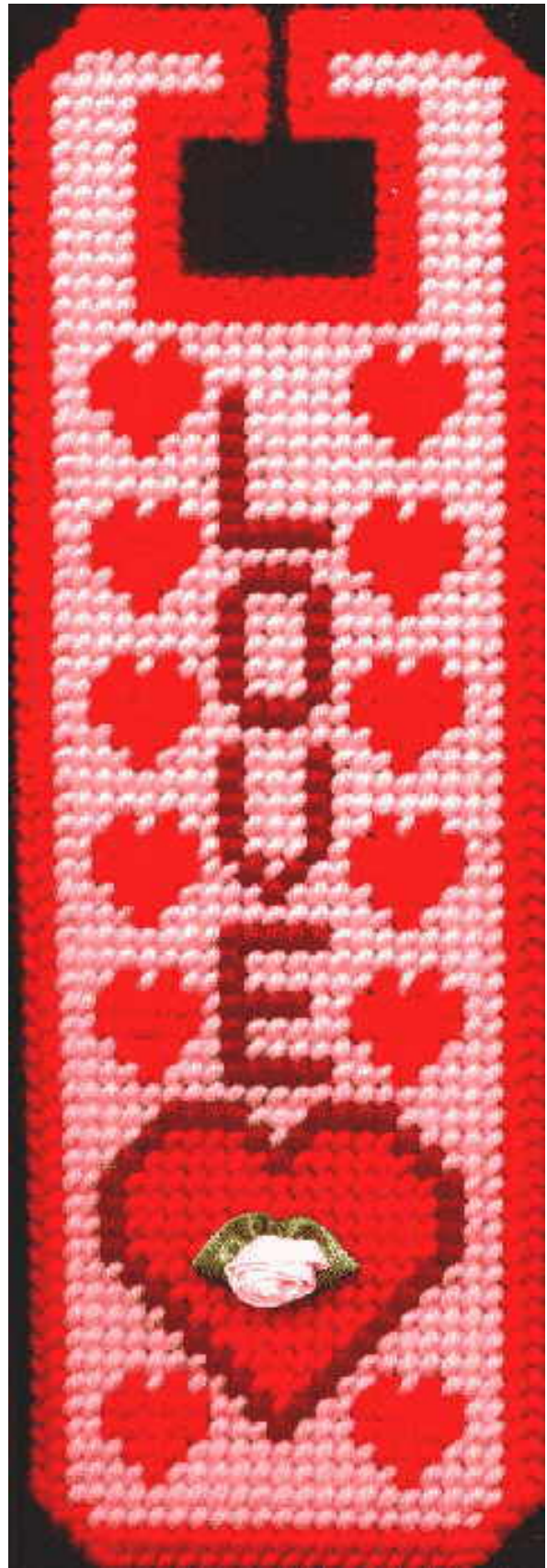
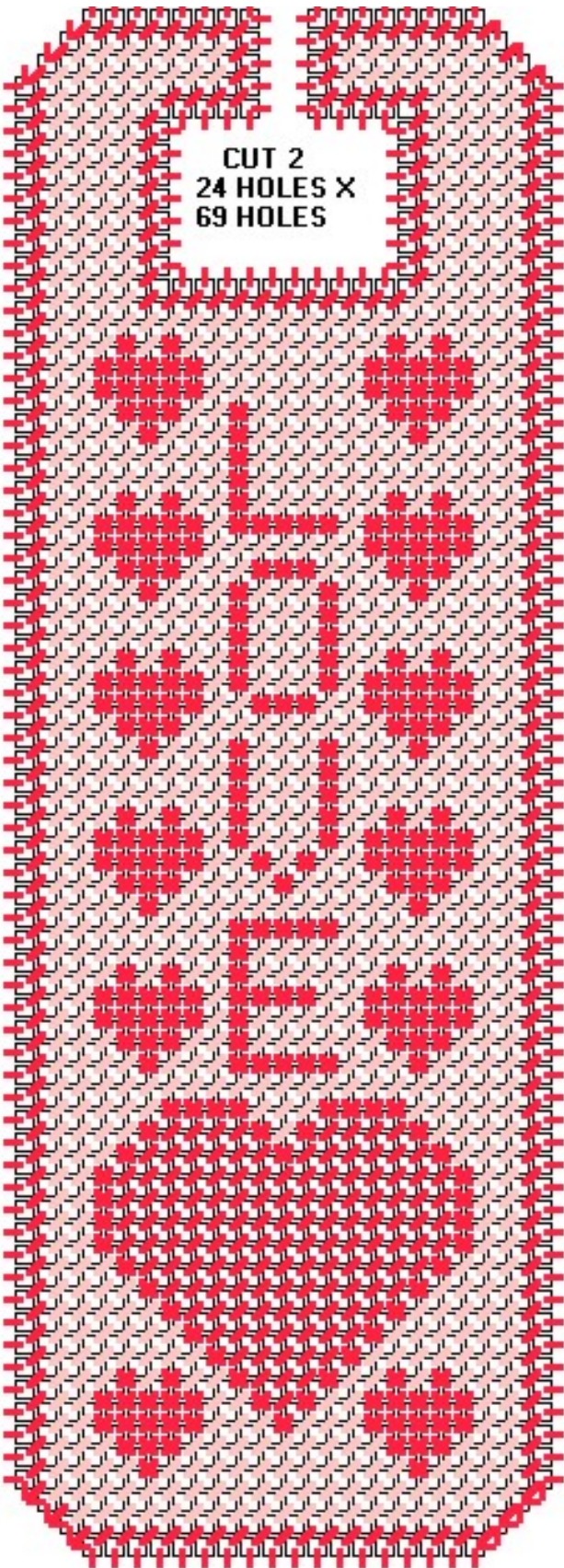
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## **Seasonal Crafts**

## **Valentine Door Hanger**

This Project was provided by [Dancing Dolphin Plastic Canvas Patterns](#)



## Materials:

- 1 sheet 7 count plastic canvas
- Worsted weight yarn: pink, red and dark red
- Hot glue gun
- Small pink ribbon rose

## Instructions:

Cut 2 pieces 24 holes X 69 holes.

Work 1 leave 1 unworked

Work small red hearts, letters & outline around big heart in X stitches. The rest of hanger is done in continental stitch.

Overcast pieces together in red.

Glue on ribbon rose to middle of big heart



## ♥ Love Grows Favor



## Materials:

- Small Terra Cotta flowerpot
- Paint in red, white, green and yellow PermEnamel or Acrylic
- Brushes
- Options: Sponge heart stencil for letters

## Instructions:

Base coat the Terra Cotta pot white. Paint the rim of the pot red. Allow to dry completely. Using the heart shape sponge or brush Paint red hearts around the bottom of the pot at different heights as the tulip blooms.

Allow to dry. Paint the "Love Grows" around the rim of the pot in white using a stencil or free hand and allow to dry.

Add the stems, leaves and stamens in green and when dry add the yellow heads to the stamens.

Fill the pot with wrapped candy or other Valentine treats.



## Crafty Tips

by Bluebonnet Crafters

# 1. Quilt blocks drawn on graph paper can then be stitched on plastic canvas and a set of 4 makes a nice gift.

# 2. To clean plastic canvas projects: Be sure fibers are color safe then place the project in the top shelf of your dishwasher.

# 3. When making Plastic Canvas Coasters, to save time back them with felt rather than a second stitched design and whip stitch around the edge as usual.



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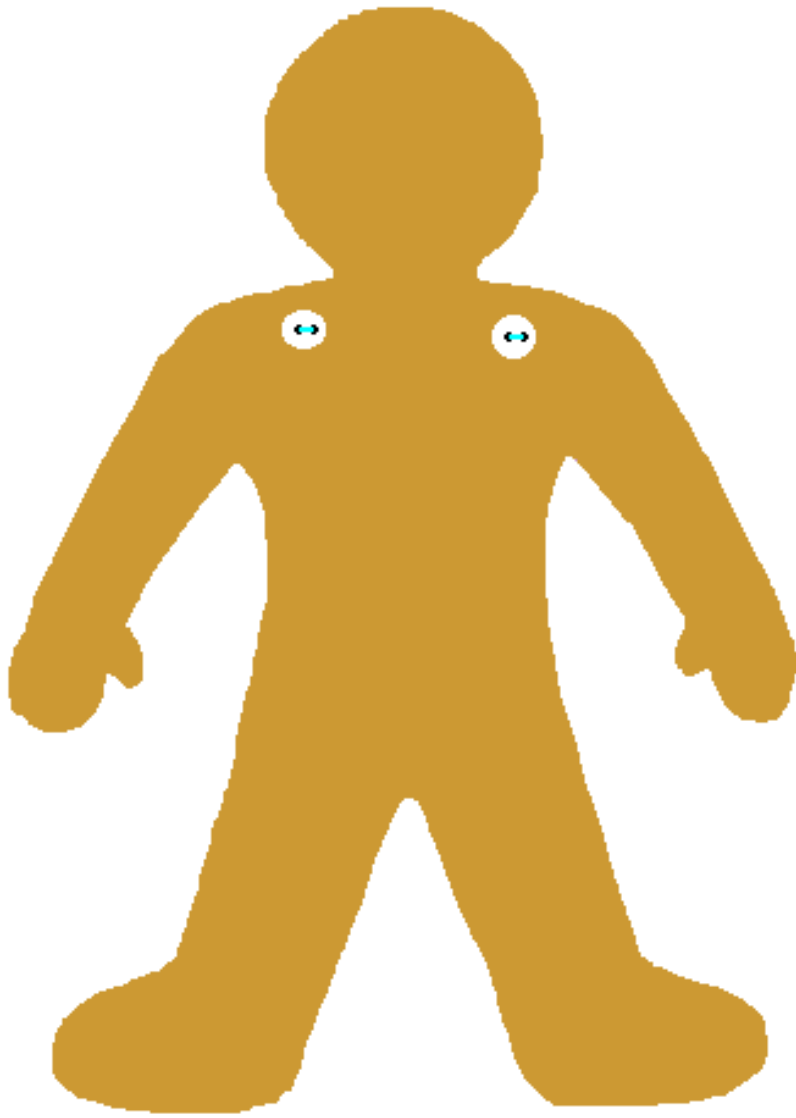
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**... Doll Corner**

### **Fun Foam or Felt Paper Doll**

**This doll is meant as a project for children. Provide the pattern or cut out doll and the other supplies and let the kids (both boys and girls) design their own fantasy character. You can make up kits or just put everything out and let them "do it their way".**



## Materials:

- A piece of Fun Foam or Felt 4" X 5"
- 4 flat 2 hole buttons color of your choice
- Scraps of fabric, trims and embellishments of your choice
- Tack it Over and Over type glue
- White craft glue
- Scissors
- Doll hair or yarn
- Permanent colored markers or paints

## Instructions:

Using the pattern trace the basic doll on the material of your choice and cut it out. Using the permanent markers draw in the features. Apply hair using yarn or doll hair and white craft glue. .

Sew the buttons one on the front of each shoulder backed by the one on the back. The buttons will be used to button the main dress or shirt onto the doll and keep the strain off the doll figure itself.

When the top of the costume has been designed cut two slits that fit over the buttons by first coating the area of the buttonhole with white craft glue. When dry cut your buttonholes and the glue with retard fraying.

Apply the Tack it Over and Over type glue to the bits and pieces of fabric and trims you are using decorate the clothing. Allow it to dry. When completely dry you can apply the clothing to the doll and replace it to change the design of the wardrobe.

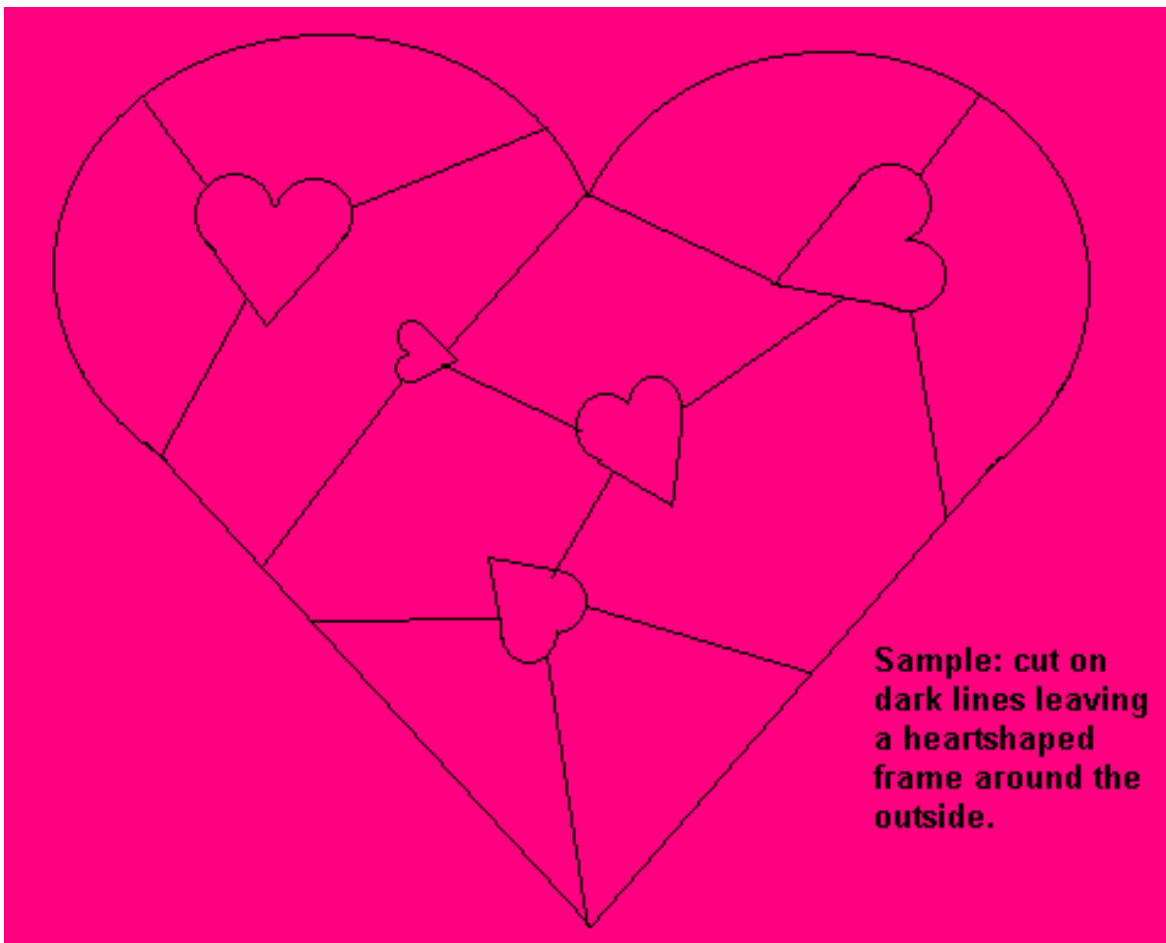
If you are giving this as a Valentine gift carefully sign your name on the back of the doll and place it in an envelope with the assorted clothing or the material for the kids to make their own clothes..



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**Crafty Kids.....**



## Puzzling Valentine

### Materials:

- Picture from a magazine or an old calendar, etc. or a hand drawn picture
- Sheet of lightweight cardboard the same size as the picture
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Optional: Heart shape punch
- Pen, pencil or colored marker

### Instructions:

Draw the picture of your choice or use a picture from a magazine or calendar. Spread a very thin coat of glue over the front of the light cardboard and beginning gluing the picture at the center and smooth out to the edges of the cardboard. Make sure you have no lumps or wrinkles in your picture. Allow to dry completely.

Write a letter or special message on the back of the cardboard.

Using the heart shape punch or scissors cut out or punch out several hearts. If you have more

than one heart punch or other designs you may also use a few of those.

With the scissors cut from the outside into the punch out areas and from one punch out to another to cut your puzzle in different shaped pieces.

Place all the pieces of your puzzle in a small box or envelope and you can mail or give it to your favorite Valentine. They can reassemble the puzzle to read their Valentine card puzzle.

 *Happy Valentine's Day* 

## Heart Key Chain



Adult assistance is needed when baking the clay.

### Materials:

- Polymer Clay in red
- Black permanent Marker
- Key chain or key ring your choice of design
- Small heart cookie cutter or sharp knife
- Straw to make the hole
- Dowel or glass for roller or a pasta machine used with clay only - do not use with food after use with clay

### Instructions:

Condition the clay until soft and workable. Roll the clay out to about 1/2" thickness. Cut out the heart and make the hole at the top. With adult help, bake following the instructions on the clay

package.

Draw the features with the permanent pen on one side. You can add the name on the back to personalize the key chain. Add the key ring and present your gift.



## Kitchen Crafts.....

### Chocolate Valentine Cake

Round 2 layer Chocolate cake made from a mix or your favorite recipe

- Homemade or canned white frosting
- Any red or pink hard candy
- Waxed Paper heart template

Option: Red candy sprinkles

**Instructions:** Bake the cake in two round layer pan following instructions on box or in recipe. Cool completely and frost. While cake is cooling crush the hard candy between two layers of waxed paper with a rolling pin or smooth sided jar.

Cut a heart template from the waxed paper (fold wax paper in half and cut out 1/2 of a heart on the fold.

Place the template on top of the cake and sprinkle generously with the crushed candy.

Apply the remaining crushed candy around the sides of the cake.



## Candy Cane Hearts



At the after Christmas sales purchase extra individually wrapped candy canes and recycle them at Valentine's day as candy hearts.

## Materials:

- 2 individually wrapped candy canes
- White craft glue or hot glue gun
- Ribbon
- Heart stickers

## Instructions:

Place the two candy canes with the crook furthest away from you the open edge of the left hand facing right and the right hand cane facing left. Overlap the tips slightly and glue in place. You will also need to overlap and glue the bottom of the two canes. Form the ribbon into a shoestring bow. Glue it at the dip in the top of the heart formed by the two candy canes and glue a heart shaped sticker to each end of the ribbon.

This heart shaped candy cane gift can be given to teachers, fellow workers or used as a special place card at Valentine's dinner.



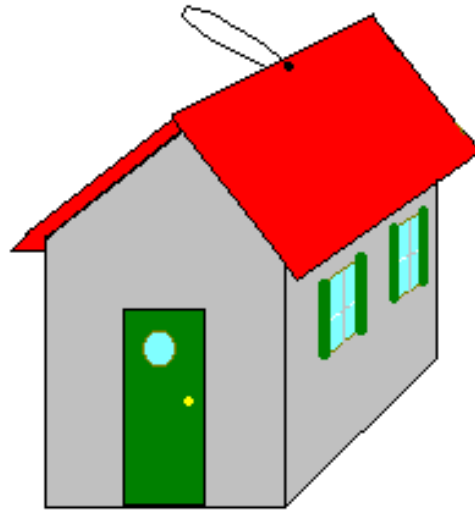
## Winter Craft

### House Ornament

There is an old German custom that to have a happy home you will need twelve items on your Christmas tree. By the end of this year we will have given you instructions on how to make

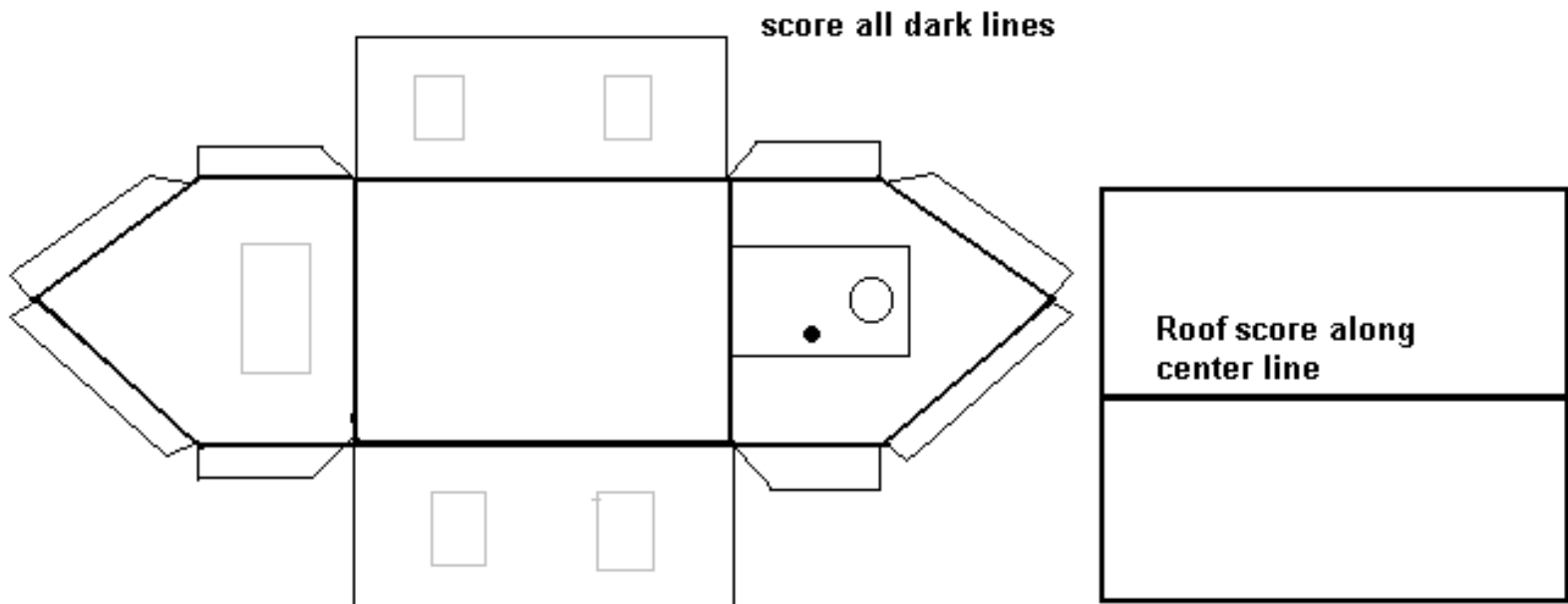
these twelve items. Each item has a different meaning and the meanings will be included.

The first item is a house to show protection of the family.



## Materials

- Lightweight cardboard
- Paints, colors of your choice
- Double stick tape or craft glue
- Gold cord for a hanger
- Scraps of lace for window curtains



## Instructions:

Trace the templates and cut out the pattern pieces, Score all dark lines. Using paint, crayons or scraps of paper decorate the outside of your house using your own design. You can cut out the

window areas with a craft knife, apply a piece of clear plastic on the inside to look like a window and add bits of lace or fabric as curtains.

Fold the four sides up and place double stick tape or glue on the flaps to attach the sides together at each corner.

Fold the roof in the center, again using the double stick tape or glue to hold the flaps in place. Tape or glue the hanger in place. Your house is ready to hang on the tree as a symbol of protection.

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