

Vintage Heart Gift Set

This is a really easy project & quick to make too!

What you will need to recreate this project:

4 sheets A4 Card – White

1 sheet vintage paper (borderless)

Heart shaped punch or die - approx. 6cm^{sq}

(but if your paper has a white border you will need to use a smaller punch or die of approx. 5.5cm)

6 envelopes – C6



Assembling the project:

First of all you need to create the A6 card bases, so with the A4 card in landscape position measure & mark the halfway point along both the top & bottom of the card at 14.8cm, draw in this line & then cut. Repeat with another two sheets of A4 creating six pieces of card in total. Put the remaining full sheet of A4 to one side to use later.

It is easier to begin with a sheet of paper without a white border, but not all printers allow this, so if your printer doesn't then simply cut off the border before you begin to cut the paper into strips. I used borderless printing so the measurements for that are as follows:

Turn your paper face down & in portrait position then measure & mark the following point across both top & bottom lightly with your pencil; 7 & 14cm, rotate the paper to landscape position & measure & mark the centre line at 14.8cm. Draw in these lines & cut the paper into six strips.

If your paper has a border that isn't a problem simply cut it down to rounded measurements as I have explained below.

Divide the width by 3 e.g. $20 \div 3 = 6.66\text{cm}$, so it would be easier to cut the width down to 19.5cm & then you will have three sections measuring 6.5cm each. Divide the height by three e.g. $28.7 \div 3 = 9.57\text{cm}$, so it would be easier to cut the length down to 28cm & then you will have two sections of 14cm. Draw in these lines & cut the paper into six strips.

Next look at your strips of paper & decide which will be the top & which will be the bottom. If you are using the paper I have included you will see that you can turn the strips so that the aged area appears at the top of each strip & so won't be cut away when cutting out the heart.

If you are using a die to cut out the hearts:

You will be able to cut through two strips at a time quite easily so long as you tape everything down so it doesn't move while going through the machine. So stack up two strips making sure

they are the orientation you intend, position the heart die centrally at the bottom of the strip & tape into position. Depending on your machine you may need to tape the strips to the plate to stop the lower one moving too. After you cut the first two strips use one to help you position the die on the next two so that it is as near as possible in the same position throughout. Die cut all six strips & put the heart cut outs aside.

If you are using a punch to cut out the hearts:

Depending on the punch you may also be able to cut out two strips at the same time, but cut out a single one to begin with to get the positioning of the punch, it needs to be in the centre at the base of each strip. Use the first strip to help you position the punch so that it is as near as possible in the same position throughout. Punch all six strips & put the heart cut outs aside.

Now you need to score & fold your base cards before attaching the cut out strip, so turn to landscape position, measure & mark the central point on both top & bottom at 14.8cm, score in this line & fold. Use a bone folder or the tip of a ruler to burnish the crease so that it is nicely defined. Repeat on the other five pieces of A5 card.

I used a Tacky glue to stick the strips into position on the front of my cards as you need to ensure that the edge of the cut out heart is securely fixed to the card base. I tried the strip down both the left & right hand side of the card but personally preferred it on the right, but the choice is yours. Go ahead & fix each of the cut out strips to the front of the cards & then put to one side while we make the tote box.

Creating the tote box:

So using the final sheet of A4 card cut a strip from the width measuring 3cm (29.7 x 18cm) & with the cropped card in landscape position measure & mark the following points both top & bottom: 10.8 & 13.2cm. Rotate the card to portrait position measure & mark the following points both top & bottom: 3 & 15cm.

Lastly measure down from the top on both sides of the card & make a mark at 5cm, cut away a triangle of card from that mark to the 3cm mark on the top of the card. Score in all four lines, fold & burnish with the bone folder.

I used a Tacky glue again on my example as I find it has a better grip 'card to card' in construction work. To make the tote box solid I stuck the tabs to the inside of the straight edged side panel which forms the base of the box & then stuck the shaped side panels down on top of those, thus hiding the straight edge at the top. Stick one of the cut out hearts to the corner corresponding to where the cut out is on the cards & fill the box with your six cards & envelopes.

