

Valentine Shaker

(using a Fuse tool)

What you will need to recreate this project:

15cm (6") square base card - red
14cm (approx. 5½") square of matching red card
14.5cm (approx. 5¾") square of textured gold foil card
14cm (approx. 5½") square funky foam/3D foam tape
Approx 40 - 45cm (approx. 16 - 18") gold ribbon
Red & gold shaker mixture of sequins & seed beads
Small heart shaped punch
Valentine sentiment
Heavy poly pocket & Fuse tool
9.5cm (approx. 3¾") heart shaped die
Die cutting machine



Step by step:

Plug in the Fuse tool to heat up

Centre the red square of card on top of the slightly larger gold piece & use repositionable tape to hold it in place before positioning the die on the top, tape that down too so it doesn't shift position going through the die cutting machine.

Run through your machine & then carefully remove the die & tape, separate the two pieces of card & reposition the die on the gold card, setting it into the indentation left from the first pass through the machine, tape into place. Stack this on top of the square of funky foam (if you don't have funky foam skip this next step & use a double layer of 3D foam tape on the back of the front panel of the card instead) & run through the machine once more, carefully peel away the tape & separate the foam from the card & retain the gold heart die cut as you will need it later in the project.

If the die didn't cut all of the way through the foam you can either feed it back through the machine or trim out with your craft knife. The foam does have a tendency to squash & expand when you put it through the machine so if it came out larger than the red top layer, you may need to trim around the edges.

Now tape the same die back onto the poly pocket keeping the tape on the inside of the die & then run the tool around the outside, leaving a gap in order to fill the pocket. Cut around the heart pocket leaving a 5mm (approx. ¼") border in order to stick it down with. Add your red sequin mix (I found making a cone from a piece of scrap card with the point trimmed off made filling the pocket much easier). I had some gold 'love' word confetti so I added one of those too, but don't use more than one as they tend to clump together. Tape the die back onto the pocket & seal completely.

Unplug your Fuse tool.

I use 3mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ ") double sided tape to fix the pocket in place, but *Glossy Accents* works well too, you just have to weight that down with something until it dries.

Apply tape (or glue) around the aperture on the gold, I found the narrow double sided tape will bend so you can do half of the outline at a time, rather than using lots of little pieces. Carefully line up the fused pocket & stick that in position.

Apply tacky glue to the back of the foam piece & align that to cover up the edges of the fused pocket. Add more glue to the front of the foam piece & carefully align the red top layer of the card on top.

Tie the ribbon around the bundle, down the left hand side & tie off in a bow. I tend to add a couple of dots of *Glossy Accents* to the knot & then weigh it down until it dries, as this prevents the bow coming undone.

Flip the bundle over & drop the gold die cut heart face down in the recess of the fused pocket, so it sits in position & then cover with Tacky glue. Carefully flip the bundle over onto the front of your red card base & align it so you have a narrow red border of the base card showing from behind the gold panel. Carefully remove the bundle, but keep a finger on the gold heart die cut so it doesn't move & then burnish it down securely.

Stick down the bundle centrally to the front of the card using more Tacky glue so that the gold heart is aligned behind the fused pocket. Punch out two small hearts from scraps of gold card & fix to the top right hand corner of the front panel & then add your Valentine greeting to the bottom right.