

# HEART ART

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**MATERIALS**

- construction paper in pink, red, purple, and blue
- scissors
- marbles
- shallow containers
- paint in white, pink, blue, purple, and red
- sturdy metal 8" or 9" pie tins
- damp paper towels
- spoons (optional)

**WHAT TO DO**

- Valentine's Day is February 14th.
- 1. Cut pink, red, purple, and blue construction paper into 8" heart shapes.
- 2. Ask the children to put their heart shapes into the pie tins. Let them choose the color of paint they want to start with.
- 3. Have them drop a marble into the paint. Then, with a spoon or their fingers, they pick up the marble and drop it onto the heart shape in the pie tin. Show the children how to tilt the pie tin to roll the marble around, making colorful tracks.
- 4. When the marble has run out of paint, invite the children to choose another color and repeat the marble-painting process.

**MORE TO DO**

**Blocks:** Provide marbles in the block area for children to move through chutes and down ramps.

**Games:** Play a variation of "Who's Got the Button?" using a marble.

**Math:** Put a different amount of marbles in a jar each day and have children guess the amount.

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# Love Quilt

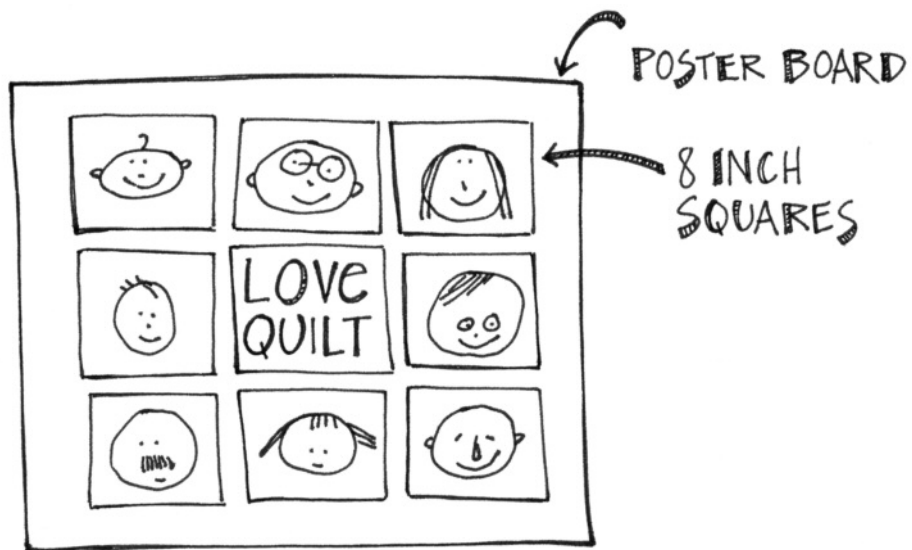
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**MATERIALS**

8" x 8" construction paper squares in various colors  
 9" x 9" red and white construction paper squares  
 glue  
 crayons and markers

**WHAT TO DO**

- Valentine's Day is February 14th.
- 1. Discuss people we love in our families. Ask the children to choose one person they love to make a drawing for a bulletin board quilt.
- 2. Give each child 8" square of paper to draw the face of a person he loves.
- 3. Glue the completed drawings on the 9" squares and arrange them on the bulletin board in a quilt pattern.
- 4. If desired, glue them on bulletin board paper to make a wall hanging for the classroom or hallway.



**MORE TO DO**

**Gross Motor:** Count the sides of a square with the children, and then choose four children to lie down and make a square on the rug.  
**Literacy:** Make a list of other words that begin with the letter Q: quiet, quarter, queen, quart, and so on.  
**Snack:** Serve square crackers for a treat.

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