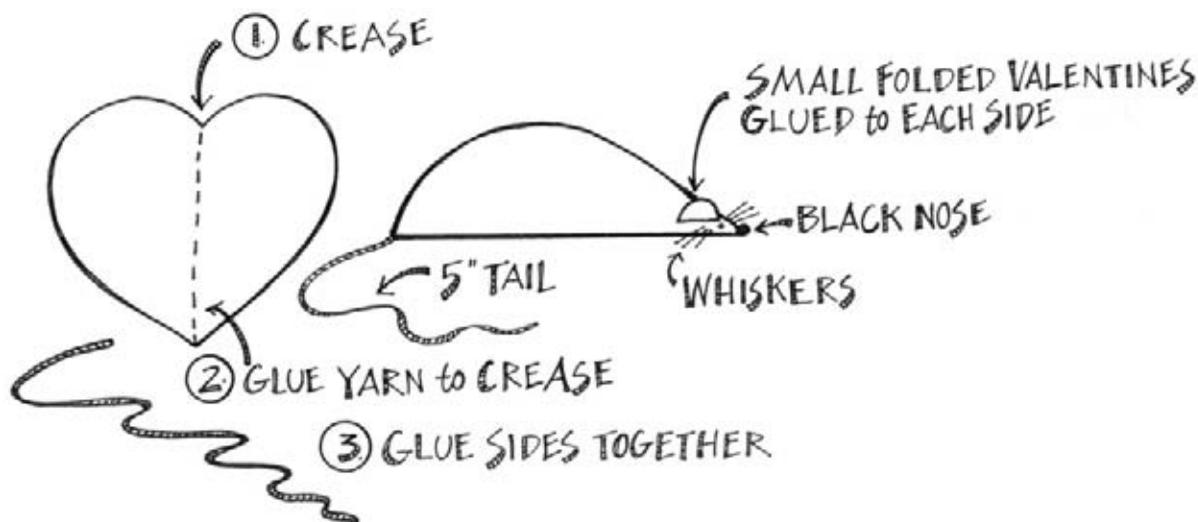


3. Help the children glue a piece of yarn along the inside crease of the valentine, allowing 5" to hang out past the narrow end (bottom) of the heart.
4. Have them glue the sides of their hearts together.
5. Give each child two small hearts, each folded in half.
6. Demonstrate how to glue the small heart to the pointed end of the large folded heart, matching folds. These will be the mouse's ears.
7. Encourage them to make a face for the mouse at the pointed end.
8. Glue the other small heart to the end of the yarn, for a tail.



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Valentine Mobiles

ART

MATERIALS red, pink, and purple paper
 scissors
 red yarn
 glue

WHAT TO DO

- Valentine's Day is February 14th.

1. Cut out hearts in a variety of sizes from red, pink, and purple paper.
2. Give each child an 18" length of yarn.
3. Let the children choose hearts to glue to the yarn, leaving 8" at the top.
4. Hang the mobiles from a hanger or the ceiling.

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VALENTINE'S DAY "I LOVE YOU" CRAFT

ART

MATERIALS

construction paper in a variety of skin tone colors
red and pink construction paper
craft scissors
craft glue
narrow ribbon
self-stick craft magnets

WHAT TO DO

- Valentine's Day is February 14th.
 1. Before beginning, show the children the sign for "I love you" (extend fingers and thumb, fold down middle and ring fingers while leaving thumb, index, and pinky fingers up). Tell them this is how to say, "I love you" without saying a word.
 2. Ask the children to pick a piece of construction paper that they think matches their skin tone.
 3. Help each child trace around one hand on the paper and cut out.
 4. Ask the children to cut out two hearts: a large one from red construction paper and a slightly smaller one from pink construction paper. ProFilePlanner.com
 5. Have them glue the pink heart on top of the red one. Let dry.
 6. Ask the children to glue their hand cutouts on top of the hearts. Make sure they put glue on the palm part only. Let dry.
 7. Help the children fold and glue down the middle and ring fingers on their hands. Let dry.
 8. Have the children choose a ribbon. Tie each ribbon in a small bow. Let the children glue the bows to the bottom of their hand cutouts.
 9. After everything has thoroughly dried, let the children attach a magnet to the back of their craft.
 10. Encourage the children to give their craft to their parents for Valentine's Day.



MORE TO DO

Games: Play "I love you" bingo. Print the letters: I, L, O, V, E, Y, O, and U on a piece of card stock paper. Make one for each child. Make small cards that feature the same letters. Give the children some bingo chips. Show the letters one at a time and have the children cover them on their cards. When the last letter is shown, all of the children will have I LOVE YOU and everyone wins.