



# Valentine's Day

Love is in the air! Like everything else this past year, Valentine's Day is going to be a little different, especially as we will no doubt still be in lockdown. That doesn't mean it can't be special however, there are lots of things you and your little ones can do to mark the occasion without breaking the bank and have some fun at the same time!

Below are just a few ideas to get you started:

## Be My Valentine

Cards are such a simple craft to do with the kiddies and the possibilities are endless! You can go as simple or as elaborate as you like. All you need is a bit of card, paints or coloured pencils, a bit of glue and your imagination. Select the different images below to go to their instructions.



## Box of Hugs and Kisses

Make your loved ones a little box of hugs and kisses to let them know you're thinking of them, even if you can't be with them right now. It's cheap and easy to make.

You will need:

A small box - either [make one out of card or paper](#), or use a pre-made one you have  
 2 pieces of coloured card  
 Scissors

Method:

Simply cut out little hearts out of one of the coloured card (these are your hugs) and little crosses from the other (your kisses!) Make as many as you can out of the card and place into your box. That's it! Little hugs and kisses for your loved ones.



## Heart Cookies

Not that anyone needs an excuse to bake, but you could argue that cooking is love made visible! You can't beat anything with chocolate or why not try this really easy heart shaped shortbread recipe?

**Ingredients:** 250g butter  
 130g caster sugar  
 350g plain flour

**Method:**

Preheat oven to 180 degrees, gas mark 4.

Rub the butter and sugar together and then work the flour in gently with your fingertips.

Sprinkle a little flour onto a non-stick surface and roll the dough out until it is approximately the thickness of a £1 coin. Use your cookie cutter to cut the dough into shapes of your choice and place the cut out dough onto a greased baking tray.

Prick them gently with a fork and bake in the oven for about 12 -15 minutes or until the cookies are golden brown.

Once cooled, you can decorate them with icing, dip them in chocolate or just sprinkle with caster sugar.



## Love Note

Write a love note with a difference with these ideas:

- [Heart Envelope](#)
- [Secret messages](#)



## Flowers

"Say it with flowers!" You don't have to spend a fortune at a florists though, have a craft afternoon and make some for yourself!

- [Pompom bouquet](#)
- [Tissue Paper Flowers](#)
- [Paper Roses](#)



## Date Night

Valentine's Day is a perfect opportunity to teach some of your older children some life skills - let them loose! Perhaps get them to:

**Decorate** - Remember those stained glass poppies we made for remembrance? Use the same method to make hearts ([here's a reminder](#))

**Cook a meal** - [Spaghetti Bolognese](#) (home made or jar), [Lasagne](#), Steak and Chips.. maybe they could play waiter for a romantic meal?

**Plan a family night in** - Let them pick a film and snacks for a movie night, or plan some nibbles to have whilst playing games of their choice.

## Go Further

There are so many more ideas to be found online. Check out the links below to explore further:

- <https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/ideas/kids/15-cute-valentines-day-crafts-for-kids>
- <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/craftsonsea/valentines-day-crafts-for-kids/>
- <https://www.happinessishomemade.net/easy-valentine-crafts-for-kids/>
- <https://www.thebump.com/a/valentines-crafts-for-kids>

