

3D-Heart Valentine Bag Steps

Transform a standard lunch sack into a sturdy, beautiful classroom tote.

Build, decorate, and transport a sturdy Valentine exchange bag with these simple steps. This guide turns a basic paper sack into a cuffed tote with playful pop-up hearts.

● Dimensions at a Glance

3x5 in

Cereal-box base insert dimensions

2 in

Cuff fold to reveal pattern

3 in

Spacing between handle punch holes

12 in

Standard pipe-cleaner handle length

1 in

Margin around outer doily edge

3 to 4

Smaller hearts scattered asymmetrically



Transporting the Finished Bags

Carry the decorated bags in a wide, flat-bottomed grocery tote rather than a backpack so the delicate 3D pop-up hearts do not flatten permanently during the commute.

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- 1 Insert the cardboard base** Cut the paperboard slightly smaller than the footprint so it drops smoothly without catching.
- 2 Fold the lined cuff** Line it, then cuff it by attaching patterned paper inside and folding down to reinforce the rim.
- 3 Anchor the handle** Punch holes through the thick cuff, thread the pipe-cleaner handle, and twist ends upward.
- 4 Secure the doily** Apply a glue stick for kraft directly to the bag surface and press from the center outward.
- 5 Create pop-up hearts** Fold red paper perfectly in half and glue only the crease to the doily background.

● Choosing the Right Materials

Find your row: **Bag Component**

Bag Component	Your pick	Why
Base insert	20-point cereal box	Keeps the footprint perfectly flat
Cuff lining	65-lb scrapbook paper	Folds cleanly without tearing
3D pop-up hearts	65-lb red cardstock	Holds crisp symmetrical wings
Doily adhesive	Dry glue stick	Prevents wrinkled kraft paper

● Supplies for One Class Bag

- ☐ Standard brown kraft paper lunch sack
- ☐ Cereal-box base insert from an empty box
- ☐ Patterned scrapbook paper for the cuff lining
- ☐ Red cardstock for the pop-up hearts
- ☐ Standard red pipe cleaner
- ☐ Paper doily for the background
- ☐ Dry glue stick for kraft paper
- ☐ Clear packing tape for heavy candy hauls

● Morning Commute Checklist

- Tug the pipe cleaner gently to ensure the twisted ends hold.
- Verify the cardboard base sits completely flat against the bottom.
- Check that the 3D hearts are firmly attached at the crease.

● Crafting Notes

Enjoy the classroom exchange knowing your beautiful, sturdy tote will hold every sweet card!