DIRECTIONS FOR WEAVING PAPER HEARTS

You need: computer paper of 2 different colors (red, white, pink), scissors, tape/glue, ribbon (opt.)

Step 1: Print & Cut Out

Print out (or trace out) image on color paper (use pattern at end of these instructions). Cut out the long, oval-shaped pattern pieces. Each Valentine basket requires two pattern pieces: one red (or pink) and one white.

Step 2: Fold

Fold each pattern piece in half end-to-end. Be sure that the three center lines are on the outside.

Step 3: Cut on Lines

Hold the folded pattern piece firmly and cut on each of the three lines. Repeat for each pattern piece. If you printed on colored paper, refold the pattern piece the opposite way so that the printed lines are on the inside.

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Step 4: Weave

The weaving can be tricky, so read the instructions carefully and refer to the illustration.

Hold the folded red pattern piece in your left hand and the white one in your right hand. Weave the first loop of the white piece inside the first loop of the red piece. Weave it over the second loop of the red piece, inside the third red loop, and over the fourth.

Weave the second loop of the white piece over the first loop of the red piece. Weave it inside the second red loop, over the third, and inside the fourth.

Weave the third white loop like the first and the fourth like the second. When you are done, the basket will look like the illustration and you will be able to open it up.

Tip: For the patterns with little hearts, hold the pattern piece with hearts in your left hand and the plain pattern piece in your right hand. Then follow the weaving instructions substituting the heart piece for red and plain piece for white. You should see little hearts going down the center of your basket.

Step 5: Add a Handle and Finish

Cut a handle for your basket from a scrap of paper, or use ribbon. Make the handle about 1/2" to 3/4" wide (1 to 1.5 cm) by 4" to 6" long (10 - 12 cm). Fold the handle in half, and glue or tape it inside the basket.

(Pattern is on next page)
Pattern for Woven Paper Heart Baskets

How to Make: http://www.auntannie.com/Valentines/HeartBasket/