

Beaded Hearts



Looking to DIY your valentines this year?

Bring 'stitched with love' to a whole new level with these hearts embroidered with beads.

Supplies:

- One (1) needle
- One (1) length of ribbon, six inches (6") long
- Two (2) pieces of felt, approximately three inches (3") by three and one half inches (3.5")
- Approximately forty (40) small glass or seventy (70) seed beads
- Batting or stuffing
- Approximately three feet (3') of embroidery floss
- Template
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- Pencil (optional)



Instructions:

1. Cut out the heart template on the inside of the solid line (**Fig. 1**).
2. Trace the template onto each piece of felt using a permanent marker (**Fig. 2**).
3. Cut out the two (2) traced, felt hearts on the inside of your line (**Fig. 3**).
4. For each heart, decide which side is the right (seen, visible) side and which is the wrong (hidden, invisible) side. If helpful, mark the wrong side with a pencil.
5. Layer the felt hearts with the wrong sides touching (**Fig. 4**). Set aside.
6. Tie a knot into one (1) end of a single strand of embroidery floss (**Fig. 5**). Thread your needle.
7. Holding your layered felt hearts, bring your needle from wrong side to right side of one heart, between the two pieces so your knot is hidden (**Fig. 6**). Your hole should be about one quarter inch (.25") from the edge of the felt.
8. Consider the felt heart your needle just went through the front. Bring your needle to the back of your piece. Push the needle through both felt hearts, using the same hole you went through last step, as seen in Fig. 7.

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9. Before tightening completely, pass the needle through the loop you created (**Fig. 8**).
10. Pull tight.
11. Thread a bead onto your needle. Begin a new stitch about one (1) bead length from your first stitch by repeating steps eight (8) and nine (9). In other words, from the back of your piece, push the needle through both pieces of felt (**Fig. 9**). Before tightening complete, pass your needle through the loop (**Fig. 10**). Tighten.
12. Continue around the edges of the felt. Your work in process should look like **Fig. 11**.
13. With one and one half inches (1.5") remaining to stitch, stuff your heart with batting or other stuffing (**Fig. 12**). Continue stitching until one half inch (.5") remains.
14. With one half inch remaining, tie the ribbon into a loop, as in **Fig. 13**.
15. Insert the knot of the ribbon between the two felt hearts. Hold in place and continue stitching (**Fig. 14**).
16. Your final stitch should use the same hole your first stitch did (**Fig. 15**).
17. Pass the needle through the created loop, yet this time, instead of beginning a new stitch, tie a knot to secure the embroidery floss (**Fig. 16**).
18. Lose the remaining embroidery floss in the ornament by scrunching your piece tightly and passing your needle through it (**Fig. 17**).
19. While still scrunched tightly, trim the floss (**Fig. 18**). Fluff the ornament and the thread should be invisible.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

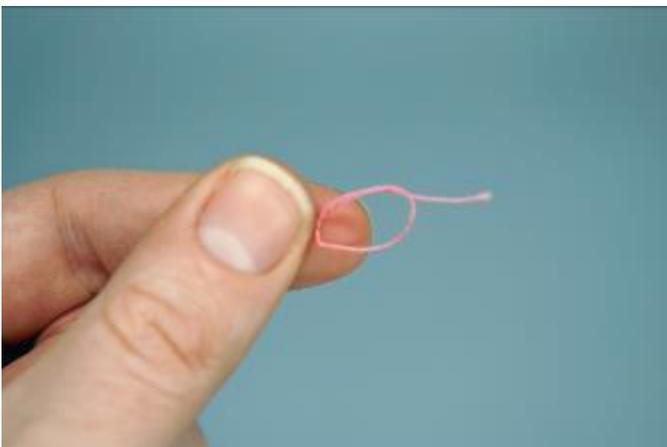


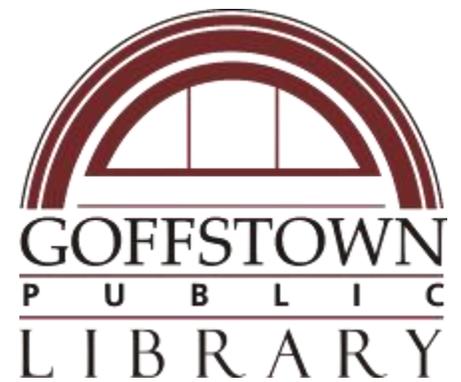
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Figure 6



Figure 7



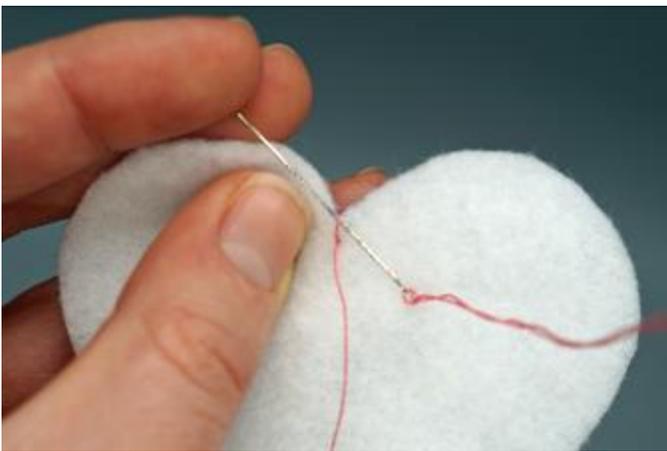


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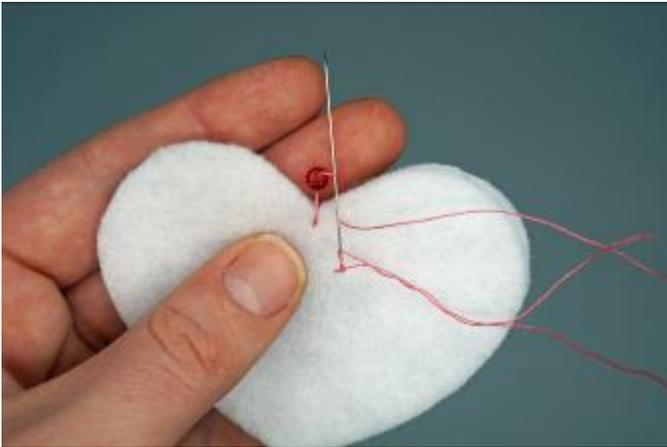


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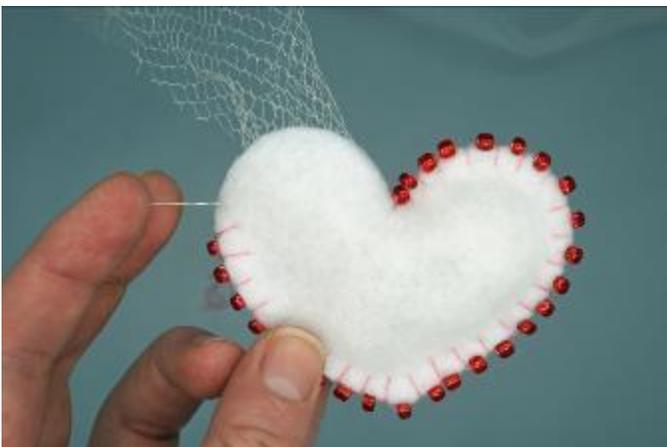


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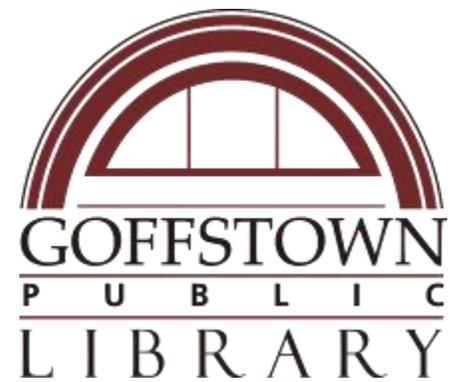




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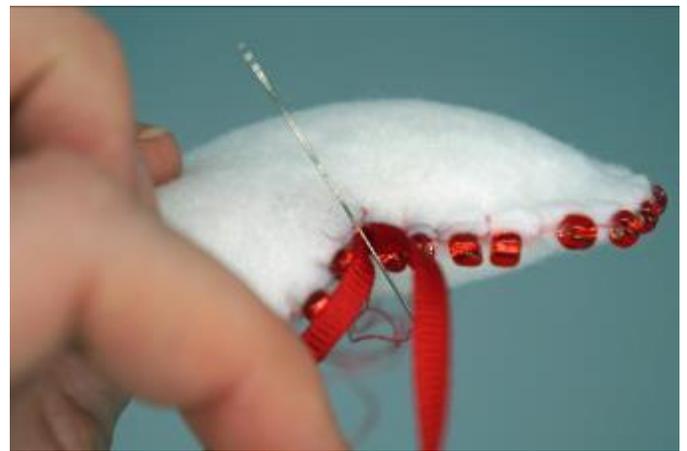


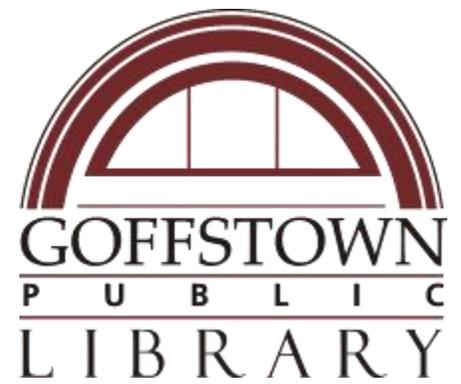
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Figure 17



Figure 18



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Template

