

Dove and Heart Ornament

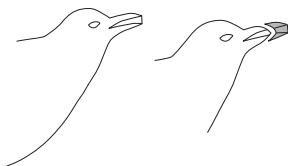
This project can be done in several ways: with the dove and heart together or with either the dove or the heart separately.

Materials and Equipment

80 lb. cover or card stock, white for the dove and red for the heart
Gold finished kraft wrapping paper
White glue
Things on Wings stamp set and/or Heart Locket Stamp Set
Light colored ink for stamping dove, darker ink for stamping heart
Straightedge and scoring tool
Small pointed scissors or craft knife

Stamping, Cutting and Assembling the Dove

1. Using a light ink color, stamp the pattern pieces for the Dove following the instructions in the stamp set, and cut them out. Assemble the dove with the following modification in step 9:
2. Instead of gluing the tabs of the bird body down onto the long tabs, tuck the body tabs up under the body and glue them to the bird mechanism inside the body. The bird will still open into two halves. Trim off the long tabs which won't be needed for this project. To make the bird look more like a dove you will need to trim the beak to shape it.



3. If you are going to use the dove alone, it is important to find its center of gravity so that it will hang straight. With the dove in the opened position, place the dove on a pin with the point somewhere along the inside edge of the crease where the dove folds in half. It will probably fall off the first few times. Keep adjusting the position on the pin until it balances. Poke the pin through at that point. If you are going to add the heart or other weighted object such as a bead under the dove it is not necessary to find the center of gravity. You can just poke the hole in the center of the fold.

Stamping, Cutting and Assembling the Heart

1. If you are going to use the Heart with the Dove, choose either the Small or the Medium Heart. Make a Heart using red cover stock. Before assembling the heart, poke a hole in the center of the largest heart piece for the Small Heart or the largest teardrop piece for the Medium Heart.
2. If you want to use the Heart alone, without the Dove, choose the Large or Medium Heart. Make a Heart with red cover stock and a layer or two with gold foil stock, or gold vinyl over smooth cover stock. Poke a hole in the largest piece as above. This will be the largest heart piece in the Large Heart.

Printing the Banners

There are three types of banners on the sheet that you can print: *Peace*, *Friendship*, and *I Love You*. The first time I printed the banners I used a gold colored kraft wrapping paper. It printed very well in my laser printer. I have tried unsuccessfully to find more of the same paper. The currently available wrapping paper of this type is thinner and has subtle grooves. It crinkled in my printer. To get past this problem you can mount the paper on a piece of smooth text weight paper. Spray glue is the easiest way to do this. Make sure the glue is quite dry and that the solvents have evaporated completely before putting the paper in the laser printer!

NOTE: This type of paper is most likely not approved for use in your printer. (some assembly required)™ cannot be held responsible for an damage or mishaps.

You can also print the banners on any color of paper you like, and if you aren't using the gold wrapping paper you can print them with an ink jet printer.

Assembling the Ornament

Heart Only: If you are making an ornament with the Heart alone, thread a needle and sew a single thread through the heart. Take the needle off the thread and rethread it with the two ends of the thread. Thread on some beads if desired. Tie the ends of the thread together at the top. Add a banner if you like.

Dove Only: If you are making an ornament with the Dove alone, double a thread and tie an overhand knot near the loop. Thread a needle with the two ends of the thread and bring the needle up through the hole in the fold on the Dove. The knot should prevent the end of the thread from coming through. Glue the Dove closed. Tie the ends of the thread together at the top.

Dove and Heart or Beads: Follow the instructions above for the Heart Only to thread on a Heart. To add beads, thread on a "stopper bead" with a single thread. Double the thread with the stopper bead at the bottom of the loop and add more beads. Tie an overhand knot on the doubled thread where it will stop the thread from coming through the hole in the back fold on the Dove, about 1 1/2 or 2 inches above the Heart/beads. Bring the thread up through the Dove and glue the dove closed. Tie the ends of the thread together at the top. Add a banner if you like.

Banner: If you want to add a banner, cut out the two mirrored banner pieces of your choice. You can trim them with a border beyond the black outline, to the black outline, or just inside to eliminate the outline. Glue the two banner pieces back-to-back around the thread. Tie the threads in an overhand knot to finish.

