

Did You See It?

Last summer a designer called and asked for six assembled white trees for a table decoration that she was working on for the Better Homes and Gardens special publication, Christmas Ideas. I was happy to send the trees.

In the fall they called to say that the editors had chosen a picture of their table decoration for the cover. What I surprise it was to discover that the cover featured a close up of one setting with the white tree smack dab in the middle!

Be generous. You never know what might happen!



Ask Sandy

Q: Will you be producing stencils for the small models?

A: Those designs have such narrow slots that you would have a hard time even getting a fine pencil in there to trace it. Our SlimDies are a much better option, especially because the die cut pieces are perfect. It makes assembly much easier!

Q: Do you have a stencil for the Tree? Do you have a die set for the 3D Heart?

A: We have added several new products this year in the form of alternate ways to make the models. We have made die sets for all of the small models that are the most difficult to cut, and we have made stencils for the largest model, the Carousel Cake which is too big to make in rubber. We are planning to make more stencils and dies. Let us know what you would like to have. The chart below will help you to see where we are.

Q: Will you be doing a show in Florida this year?

A: So far, we don't have anything planned in Florida. With the increase in airfares we have had to be very selective in where we go. This is our schedule so far:

San Mateo, CA (near San Francisco) Feb. 5-6
Indianapolis, IN March 3-4
Lincoln, NE March 24-25
Duram, NC April 1-2
Puyallup, WA May 19-20
West Springfield, MA June 2-3
Monroeville, PA July 14-15
Novi, MI August 4-5
Rockford, IL (near Chicago) August 18-19
Rhinebeck, NY Sept. 8-9
Portland, OR Sept. 22-23
York, PA Oct. 6-7

PRODUCT	STAMP SET	PRE-CUT PAPER KIT	DIE SET	STENCIL
3D Tree (large)	yes	yes	yes	coming soon
Cute Little Tree	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
Tree Earring	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
3D Heart (large)	yes	yes , Medium Heart only	no	yes , med heart only
Heart Locket	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
3D Star	yes	yes	no	no
Medium Star	yes	n/a	coming soon	no
Star Earring	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
3D Egg	yes	yes	no	no
Medium Egg	yes	n/a	coming soon	no
Egg Earring	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
3D Pear	yes	yes	yes	yes , part of book
3D Snowflake	yes	yes , Medium Snowflake only	yes	no
3D Bottle	yes	no	no	no
3D Ornament	yes	yes , Ornament only	no (see parts below)	no
Snowglobe Base	see Ornament	no	coming soon	no
Snowglobe Top	see Ornament	no	coming	no
Six Folding Snowflakes	no	yes	coming	no
Carousel Cake	yes	no	no	yes , part of stamp set
Things on Wings	yes	no	n/a	coming, larger version



Forming Lasting Attachments

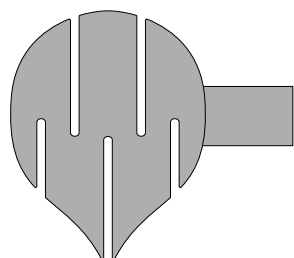
I am often asked how to attach models to cards. With Valentine's Day on the way, this is a good time to address that question. It's really very simple. I will use the Heart to explain the options, but these techniques can be used for other models as well.

There are two methods for attaching a Heart *on* something: Floating and Protruding. It is also easy to attach a Heart *in* something as well.

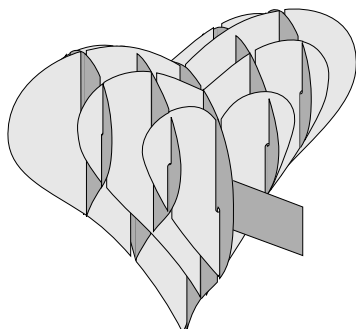
FLOATING HEART

A Heart can look like it is floating in front of a surface like the front of a card. To float a Heart, either glue a tab that will stick out the back of the largest teardrop, or draw this tab if you are hand cutting the piece.

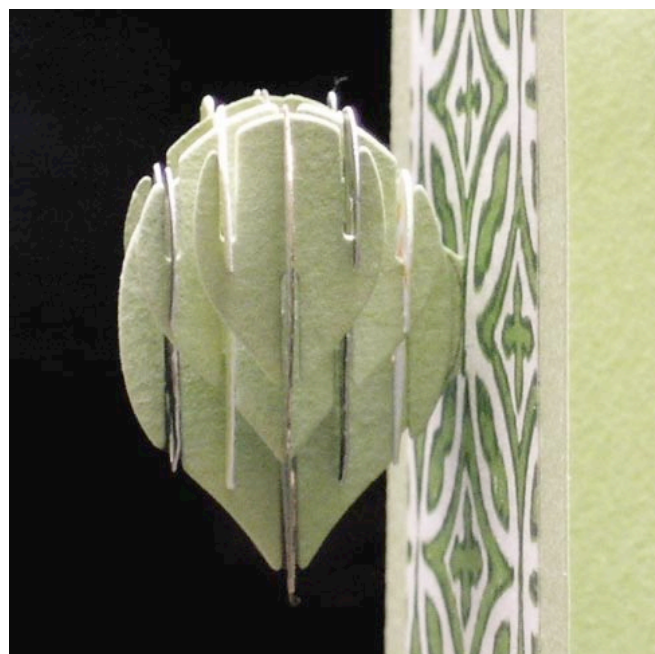
The assembled Heart looks like this:



To attach the Heart, just make a slit in the paper you want the Heart to float above. Put the tab through the slit and glue it down.

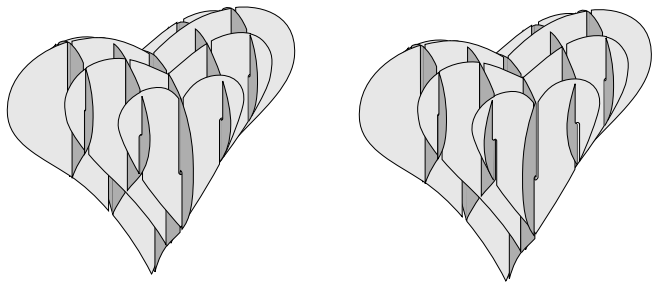


This delicate attachment will allow the Heart to move freely. It will not pop-up automatically.



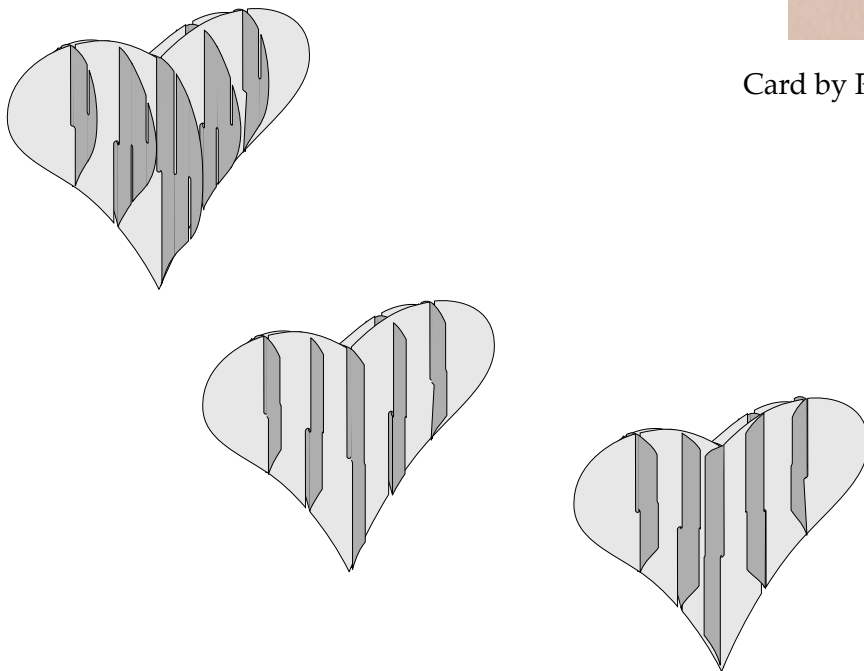
PROTRUDING HEART

A firmer attachment can be made by gluing down the heart on the back of the assembly. You will need to fold down the edges of the teardrops that extend beyond this small heart. You can plan ahead and score the teardrop pieces where they will be folded or you can use your fingernail to push them over. Glue the little tabs down and then glue the 3D heart to your creation.

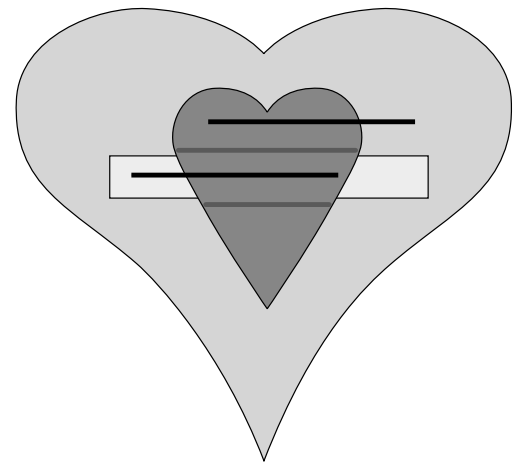


This makes an attachment that is firm enough to be able to stay open if it is mounted sideways. Take a look at the close-up picture to the right and compare this to the floated heart.

You can choose a different layer to use for gluing down. If you go so far as to leave just a half-heart you will have a nice pin if you put a pin on the back. Make a large heart piece without slots to cover the tabs and use a small heart to glue down the pin.



Card by Pat Honadel.



SOME OTHER EXAMPLES



Above is a bottle attached to the front of a card which is plain with lettering.



Here a small tree adds three dimensions to a tree that is part of the illustration.



In this example a large tree has been *added* to a scene.



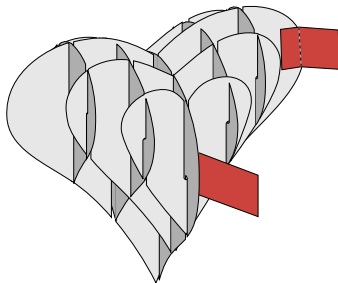
A folding snowflake is a wonderful model to add to a background surface.

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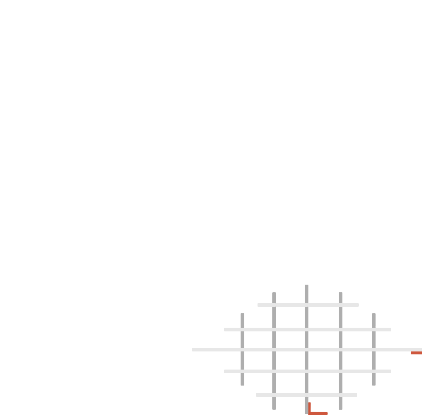
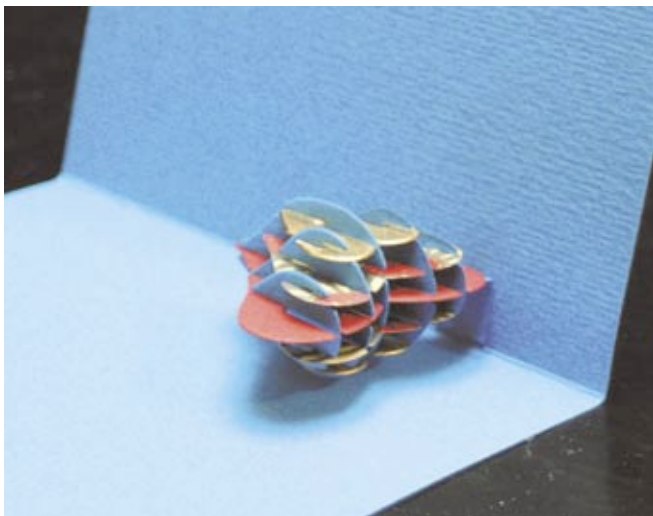
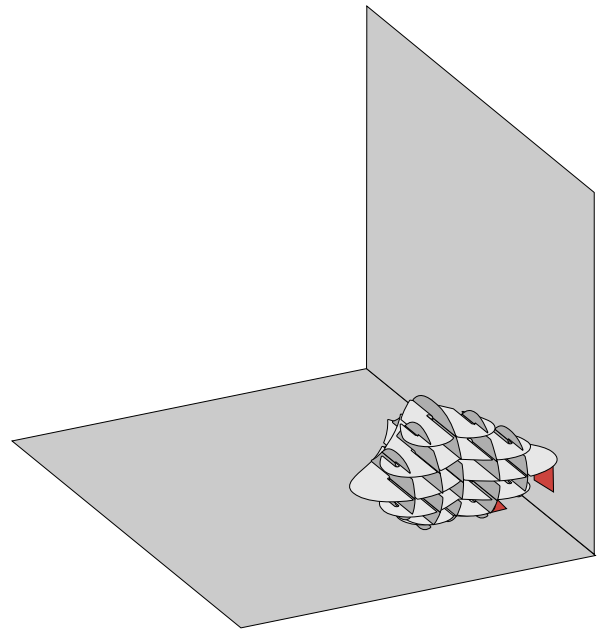
POP-UP HEART

Putting a heart inside a card is similar to the floated heart with the addition of a tab on the side of the heart.

Measure the distance from the center of the heart to the edge of the large heart. On the inside of a folded card, mark this distance to the right of the fold. Fold the teardrop tab towards the fold. Center the largest teardrop over the mark, and glue in place.



Fold back the heart tab, then straighten it out and put some glue on it. Fold the heart to the right, close the card and press to adhere.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY