



# Newspaper Crafts

# LOVE BUGS

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These love bugs are made using the process of collage so the creative possibilities are endless. The kids can transform their creations into note holders, magnets for the fridge or puppets. Best of all, you can even sneak in some mathematical learning around symmetry.

To make your Newspaper Love Bugs you will need:

- Newspaper and other scraps of paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Optional: wooden pegs, magnets, wooden sticks
- Any other craft embellishments you may like to use

How to make your Newspaper Love Bugs

### ***Paint some newspaper pages***

We reused old artworks and sheets of painted newspaper or old bookpages. My children ADORE painting paper. We painted some pages from an old novel that was falling apart. I highly recommend painting newspaper sheets or paper from books that cannot be salvaged.

But you do not have to use painted paper for this project. You could easily collage with coloured paper. We studied our favourite book on bugs to examine the sorts of shapes and body parts we would need. Use Google Images if you don't have any bug books at your place!

We cut out all sorts of shapes to create a collage "smorgasboard."

*Cut some large heart shapes for the love bug's body*



Choose a large shape as your bug's body. I chose to teach my kids a bit about symmetry by folding a piece of paper in half and drawing half a heart along the fold. The children then cut along the lines and unfolded the paper to reveal a heart. Assemble your Love Bug creations



Assemble your love bugs before gluing them!

I advised my children to lay all the parts together first before gluing to ensure they liked their design

Once you're happy with the assembly of your bug, use your glue stick to glue everything into place.

Once basic love bug is made, embellish!



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Decorate your love bugs as you please! Use markers to add detail. Glue on some sequins for sparkle or use fabric scraps to embellish.



You could glue a peg on the back to create a note holder. Glue a magnet onto the back of the love bug to create a fridge magnet. Maybe children could attach a craft stick to the back of their bugs into a potted plant? Maybe a book mark? So many possibilities!