

Crinkled Heart Art

Create a textured heart using crumpled paper and oil pastels.

You will need:

- [Background design](#) printed on blue card stock
- [Heart design](#) printed on pink card stock
- Red and light green permanent markers (wide-tipped or chisel-tipped)
- Oil pastels in white, black, light blue, and red
- Poster board (10" X 10")
- Glue stick
- Scissors



Display a picture of a completed [Crinkled Heart Art](#) to get artists and crafters excited to try this art project.

Directions:

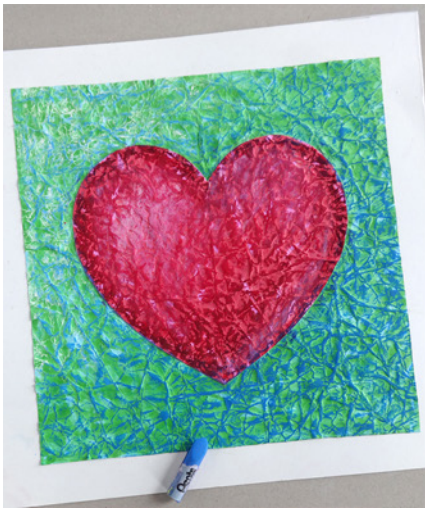
1. Cut off the bottom portion of both sheets of card stock along the solid line. Keep the excess paper for sampling different colors of oil pastels.



2. Fold the pink card stock in half along the dashed line and cut out the heart shape.
3. Color the heart with a red marker, loosely scribbling to allow some of the pink paper to show through.
4. Color the blue card stock loosely with the light green marker, allowing some of the blue paper to show through. Leave the heart shape in the middle uncolored.
5. Crumple the two pieces of card stock you have just colored. Uncrumple them and then scrunch and crumple them several more times to create a deep, crinkled texture. When you're done, straighten and flatten them as much as possible.
6. Glue the blue card stock to poster board and glue the heart in the center space.
7. Lightly color the top left portion of the green background with a white oil pastel. Add some white along the left edge of the heart to highlight it. **Tip:** Use your scrap card stock to practice applying the oil pastels. Try a few strokes with a light touch and a few strokes using more pressure. Determine what level of pressure works best for the colors you are working with.

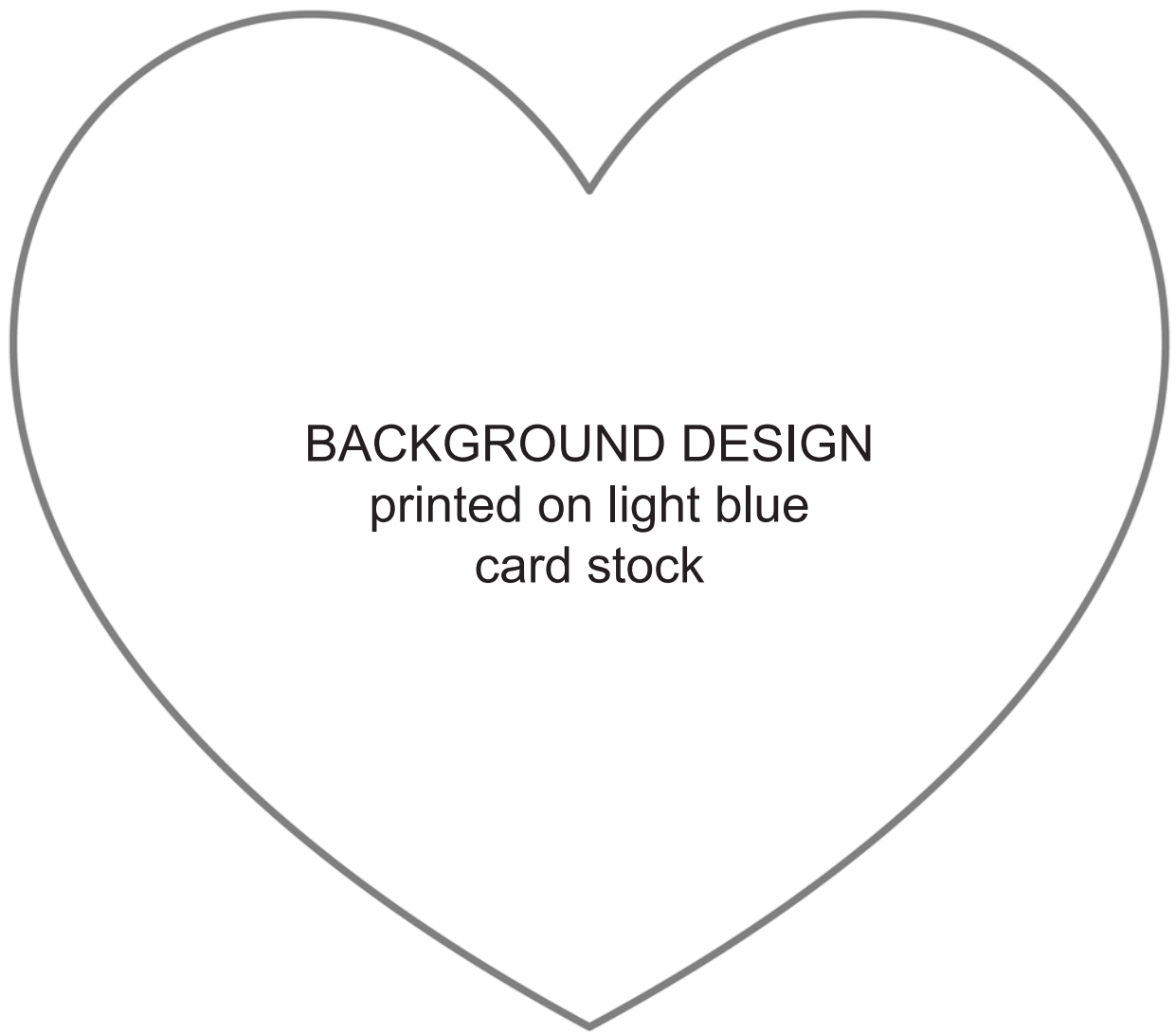


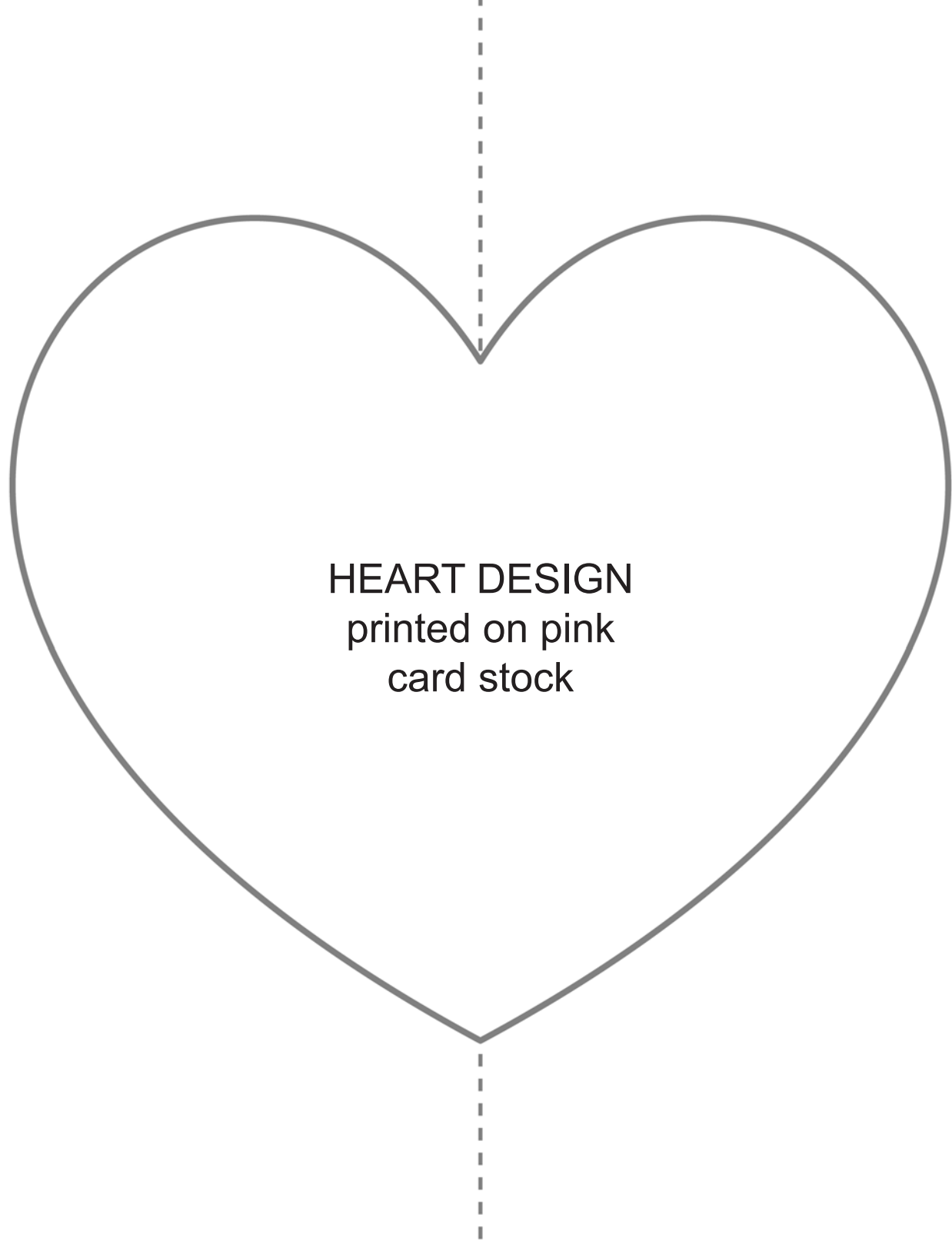
8. Add a little light blue oil pastel around the edges of the heart. Use a red oil pastel to saturate the color in the center of the heart. Continue coloring the heart with the red oil pastel but use a lighter touch toward the edges of the heart.
9. Use the white oil pastel again to blend the highlighted areas more.



10. Lightly color the bottom right portion of the background with a light blue oil pastel.
11. Use more pressure with a black oil pastel to outline the right edge and bottom of the heart. Leave a sliver of red showing between the black and the green background to give the heart depth.
12. Using a slightly heavier touch with the black oil pastel, draw a drop shadow just outside the bottom right portion of the heart.
13. Hold a small piece of black oil pastel horizontally and lightly drag it over the entire piece to accentuate the crinkles.
14. Cut off the excess posterboard. Sign your masterpiece on the back and display it as is or in a frame.

Tip: Have damp paper towels or hand wipes available for people when they're working with the oil pastels.







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