

Art and Design:

- Creating a greeting card
- Placing drawings and other images

Computer Skills:

- Accessing graphics
- Using multiple folders

Resources:

Samples of Valentine's cards. Books and pictures on Valentines.

Recommended books: *A Village Full of Valentines* by James Stevenson. Examples of picture frames: *Water of Life: a Tale from the Brothers Grimm* by B. Rogasky and T.S. Hyman.

Preparation:

Make a working folder in which students create pictures that will be pasted into their Valentine design. Make a folder in which students can save their designs. Place both these folders into a class folder. Locate a supply of images from an internet site, software or make a folder of assembled graphics saved in the class folder.

Classroom Lesson:

Students fold a piece of card in half. Placing the fold at the top, they draw a frame around two sides and the bottom. Hearts cut from coloured and patterned paper in similar tones should be glued to make a collage inside the frame. The tops of the hearts should extend over the fold. A drawn picture can be glued onto a heart in the centre of the design. The frame area can be decorated with patterns of hearts, stars, flowers etc. created with stamps, stickers and/or markers.

DoodlePaint:**GOAL:**

The students will be able to make a balanced Valentine design including a drawn image, heart shapes and frames and borders.

LESSON:

Students practice using CookieCutter with the Shift and Ctrl keys to place heart shapes on the screen. The shapes may be overlapped and should be filled with tints, shades and patterns of one colour, or near colours, and may be overlapped. After practice, students make a rectangular frame on the screen and fill the interior space with background colour. Next, they create and place coloured heart shapes within the frame. Some shapes may extend over the top line of the frame. Students save this design and use Ctrl-N to open another file. Here, they draw and colour an image to be placed into the centre of the original design. This file can be saved in the working folder until students are ready to move the drawing into the Valentine design. Additional images from other sources may be added. In the space outside the design students should make coloured frames and add Brush images and repeated Stamps to make borders. Stamps may be placed into the curves of an undulating line or lines. When printed, the design can be cut along the top of the heart shapes and glued to a folded card.

Tools:

- CookieCutter
- PourPaint
- Stamp
- Crop
- Rectangle
- Brush

Comments:

- Featuring one colour in the fill, frames and borders will unify the design and allow the central image to be the focal point.