

Shot Through the Heart

The “aim” for this cake topper is getting the angle right when inserting both pieces. Have a helper handy so one of you can take a step back and guide the pieces in, so that they appear to be a single arrow piercing the cake.

Crafter level: Easy

What you'll need

- 2 sheets colored card stock (we used light pink and coral)
- Gold curling ribbon
- 2 bamboo skewers
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks or craft glue
- Scissors



How to make it

1. Cut a heart shape from the light pink card stock for the arrow tip. Cut another heart shape and 3 arrow fletchings (the arrow's tail) from the coral card stock using the templates provided.
2. Fold each fletching in half. Fringe each fletching's sides by making cuts about 1/8-inch apart through both layers, leaving at least 1/4 inch at the center uncut (for gluing).
3. Run a bead of glue down the center of each fletching and glue all 3 fletchings, 1 at a time, to 1 bamboo skewer, about an inch from the end. Let dry with the skewer upright so the fringe doesn't bend or fold.
4. Loosely curl 2, 8-inch pieces of gold curling ribbon. Glue 1 to the skewer at the end of the fletchings, and let it curl around the last inch of the skewer and hang off. Set the second piece aside for a moment.
5. Offset and glue the coral heart to the front of the light pink heart shape, so that you can see both heart shapes from the front. Let dry. Fold them in half to crease the center.
6. Glue the center fold to the end of the second skewer. Glue the second piece of curled gold ribbon between the heart shapes and the skewer. Wrap the curls of the ribbon around the skewer.
7. Clean the ends of the skewers with soap and water, being careful not to get the paper damp. Insert both skewers into the cake so that, together, they create a straight line. (Have a friend help so you can get the angle right.)

Heart Shapes and Arrow Fletchings Template

