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SHABBY CHIC VALENTINE'S DAY LOVE BANNER

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About me: I don't feel fully alive unless I'm in the middle of a creative project (or two!). Love my Cricut!!!
Project skill level: easy
Project time: 30 minutes to 1 hour
Project tags: Anniversary Home Décor/Accents Vintage Wall Décor/Wreaths/Banners Valentine's Day Bridal Shower Wedding Feminine Engagement Holiday Love Celebration Party Decorations/Favors Gifts Holiday Décor

I used the Elegant Edges cartridge to create the shapes, Victorian Romance for the hearts and Folk Art Festival for the letters. I inked all the edges using Tim Holtz's Distress Inks in Tea Dye and Victorian Velvet. The ribbon was half price at Hobby Lobby, and I love how it makes each letter appear to be topped with a little crown! The paper is from Lost & Found 12x12 Designer Paper pad (by My Mind's Eye). I used a nice ivory cardstock on the back of each shape for sturdiness. I was very pleased with the look of this banner. I hope you like it! - Dez :)

CRICUT®: WHAT WAS USED

Cricut® Personal Electronic Cutter Machine

Cricut® Elegant Edges Cartridge

Cricut® Victorian Romance Seasonal Cartridge

OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED

- card stock for backing
- glitter cardstock for letters
- ribbon for hanging
- hole punch
- Diet Cola (a must-have!)
- scrapbook paper in 3 patterns for shapes
- distress ink for edges
- paper adhesive
- scissors

PROJECT CUT FILES

- Shabby Chic Banner - Shapes.ccr
- Shabby Chic Banner - Hearts.ccr
- Shabby Chic Banner - Letters.ccr

STEP 1

* Cut 4 rectangular shapes and 4 oval shapes from the Elegant Edges cartridge. (If your scrapbook paper is thin, cut 8 of each shape and adhere them together for durability.) -Affix the oval shape to the rectangular shape.

STEP 2

* Cut 4 hearts using Victorian Romance.

STEP 3

* Cut the LOVE letters using the Folk Art Festival cartridge.

STEP 4

* (optional step) If you want a shabby/distressed look, ink the edges of all the shapes and letters. I find that this also helped the letters stand out.

STEP 5

* Adhere an oval shape to each rectangular shape. Then adhere a heart onto each oval, and a letter on top of each heart.

STEP 6

* Punch two holes in the top of each shape. String the ribbon through the holes, centering the shapes as you go. You can leave them free (so they can be moved later), or tie a knot in the front or back of each hole. Also, try threading the ribbon through the front of each shape, and then the back. Choose which option looks best with your banner. I tied knots at the very ends of the ribbon for finishing.

STEP 7

* Hang your BEAUTIFUL banner anywhere your heart sees fit - from your mantle, door, window, headboard, wall, picture frame or mirror, bookshelf or baker's rack. You could even hang it on a tree for an outdoor party (weather permitting, of course!).

STEP 8

* Well done! Now take time to relax and admire your accomplishment! Enjoy, Dez :)

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