

How to Use the “I Love My Mother” Templates

This sweet little book is fun for both young and old. I bet if you did it for your mom, she would be tickled. Better than a store-bought card!

Print out the pages and if your daughter can read and write, leave the rest to her. If she is still learning how to read and write, both of you can make the book together. Or an older person can work with her on the book and surprise you!

Okay, here are more specific instructions.

1. Print out the pages on cardstock, parchment paper or regular copy paper.
2. Cut out the pages.
3. Color the pictures if you like.
4. For page 2, either draw or adhere a photo of you and your mother. For page 5, you can adhere a photo or memento, draw a picture or describe in words that special memory you and your mother shared.
5. Decorate and fill in the rest of the pages with words from your heart. Use colorful markers, crayons or gel pens. Be creative! Use stickers or other scrapbook materials.
6. When you are done, stack the pages together and either
 - staple the sides together and cover the staples with a strip of construction paper or
 - punch holes all the way down on the left side and weave/tie the pages together using wool, thin ribbons or embroidery floss
7. The following page has examples of the book using staples, wool and leather.

Here are three completed books to inspire you.



The first one was stapled together. We stuck two colored craft over the staples. My daughter then used leftover Valentine foam hearts to decorate the craft sticks.

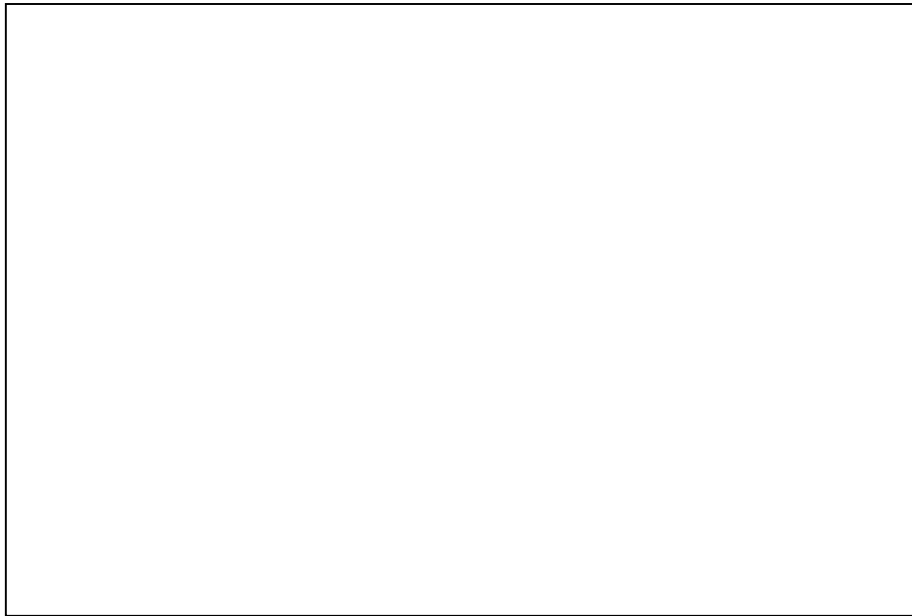
This extreme right one had holes punched all the way down on the sides. The book was held together by strands of colorful wool. You can use ribbons or raffia. Whatever you find around the house.

The bottom one also had a row of holes punched along its side. A piece of leather was woven in and out of the holes to complete the book.

Have fun. And Happy Mother's Day!



“I Love My Mother” Book



Picture of Us

page 2

Five Reasons You are so Wonderful!

page 3

These Things Make You Happy!



page 4

A Special Memory We Created Together

page 5

Thank You For All the Nice Things You Do for Me!

Things like...



page 6

**My Special Words to You
this Mother's Day**

page 7

**Strawberries are red,
Forget-Me-Nots are blue,
Words cannot describe
How much I love you!**

Happy Mother's Day!

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