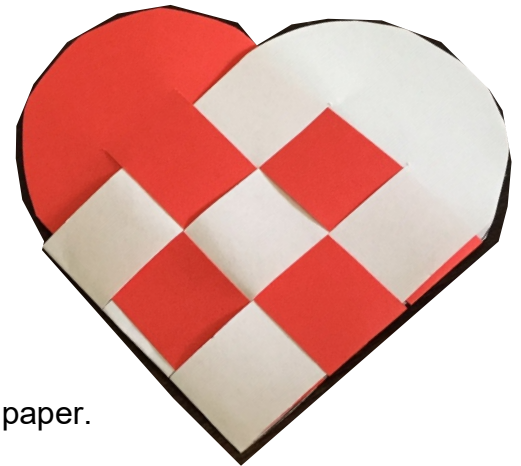
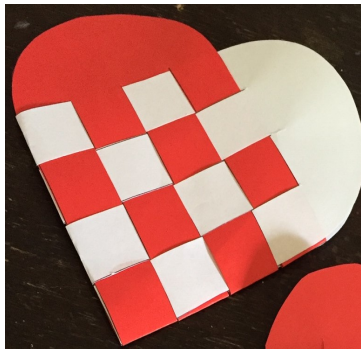


# Love Heart Woven Basket

The theme for Advent 4 is Love, the fourth of the Advent candles. This woven heart basket can be made in traditional Christmas colours (red and white or red and green) and filled with some sweets for someone as a gift of love at Christmas. Thanks to <https://bitsofivory.com/2016/12/21/danish-heart-baskets/> for this craft idea.

## You will need:

- white and red paper
- scissors
- template
- printer



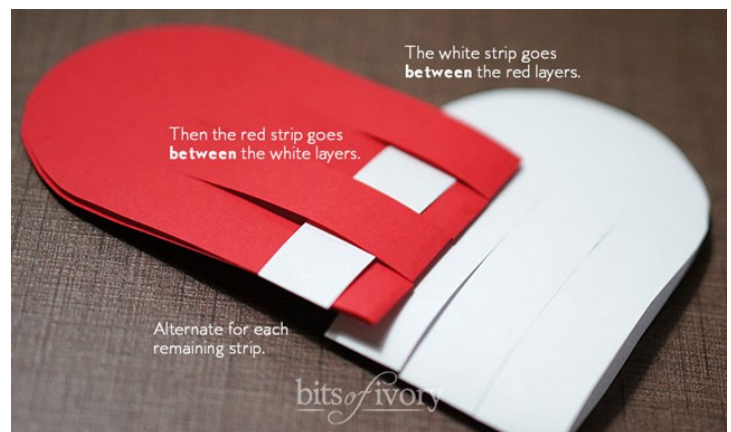
## What to do:

- Print the template twice – once on white paper and once on red paper.
- Fold the paper on the fold line.
- Carefully cut around the shapes and up each line to create a strip. You will cut through the fold to make the strips, but **do not cut along the fold line!**
- To hide the printed lines, simply refold the shapes along the fold line so that the lines are on the inside.

**Weaving the strips:** The unique weaving technique weaves both sides of the basket separately, at the same time.

Start with matching shapes in red and white.

- Weave the first strip of the white shape **between** the two layers of the first strip of the red shape.
- Thread the next red strip **between** the two layers of the white strip that you are weaving with.
- Repeat the alternating weaving pattern until all of the strips are woven together. \*See picture
- The trick is to be sure that you're always weaving one side **between** the two layers of the other side, keeping the middle of the basket open. The pattern is: weave one red strip through a white strip, then one white strip through a red strip. Check the reverse side as you go to keep the weaving correct.
- Children may need a little help tightening the first rows so that the last strip can be woven in the final row.



**To finish** cut a strip of the scrap paper for a handle. Trim it to whatever length you wish and then attach to the inside of the basket with glue or tape.

You can also reinforce the sides of the basket with a bit of tape if you'll be filling it full.

## **Ideas for use:**

Use this as a gift basket at each **place setting** at your Christmas dinner table.

**Hang from the Christmas tree:** this will require a bit longer handle.

You can also punch a hole and tie it with string or ribbon.

Fill it with **chocolates or sweets, or a Christmas cookie**. Or a **gift card**...

## **Variations:**

Instead of using plain paper, use wrapping paper (especially double-sided wrapping paper) to make colourful, pretty little Christmas heart baskets with a bit of festive flair.

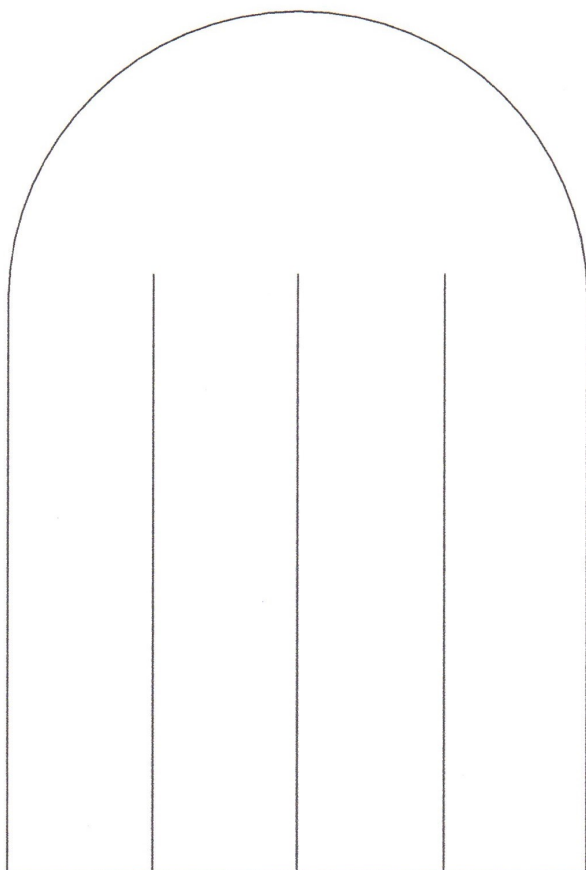
You can also make different sized baskets:

See <https://bitsofivory.com/2016/12/21/danish-heart-baskets/> for more templates and the full article and illustrations.

Print the full A4 page. Fold on the fold line.  
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but **do not cut along the fold line**.

The 3-strip basket will be easier for younger  
children to manipulate.

Fold



Fold line

