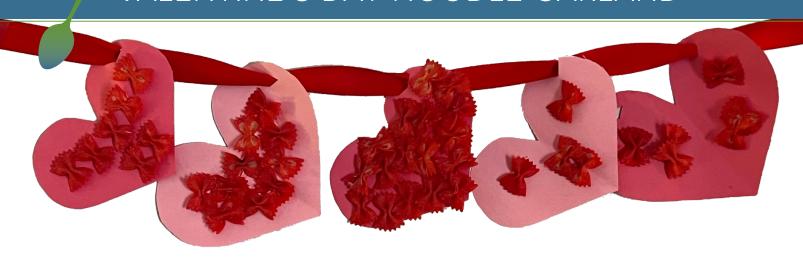


### VALENTINE'S DAY NOODLE GARLAND



## Materials

Hole Punch

Yarn or Ribbon
Red & Pink Construction Paper
Dry Pasta Noodles
Red Food Coloring
1 Teaspoon Vinegar
Plastic Bag
Waxed Paper
Glue
Scissors

## Directions

- 1. Toss dry pasta with red food coloring and 1 teaspoon of vinegar in a plastic bag. Shake to coat. Allow pasta to dry on waxed paper.
- 2. Have children cut out various hearts from red and pink construction paper.
- 3. Children then apply glue to the construction paper hearts and place the colored pasta on the glue.
- 4. Once the hearts are dry, punch holes in the top of the hearts and attach them to the yarn or ribbon to create a decorative garland to hang.

# Hints and Extended Learning Opportunities

- Read as a group Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Love by Kimberly Dean
- Play Valentine's Roll and Color (attached). Children roll dice, count the dots, and color the appropriate number of hearts.
- Have children use pasta shapes to write letters on the hearts. Spell words while creating the garland.
- Have older children estimate how many pasta noodles it will take to fill each heart.
- For younger children, offer pre-cut hearts and promote fine motor skills by having them use a cotton swab to apply the glue to the heart shaped pieces.

# roll and color valentine's day hearts

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Roll the dice and color that many hearts.

