

Matchbox Valentines



MATERIALS:

- *small EMPTY matchboxes.
(8 to a pack at grocery or dollar store)
- *Colorful Papers - scrapbook, comics, sheet music, wrapping, etc
- *Glue Sticks, scissors, fine tipped markers, crayons, colored pencils or paints
- *Optional: stickers, glitter, white glue, candy hearts or other small candy

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DIRECTIONS:

-Outside of the Box-

- Cut colorful paper 2" x 4 1/2" Spread glue all over the wrong side of paper. Extend glue to all the edges and corners. Glue paper around the box. Hold in place and smooth out to edges. Glue heart cut from template or glue conversation heart to outside of box (use white glue for candy)
- Put aside while you make the inside.

-Inside of the Box-

- Cut out Templates on next page and decorate. Then accordion fold at dotted lines, with your first fold, starting at the far left *folding to the right*, and the next one back the other way, and so on, accordion style. (The direction of the first fold is really important, so that the whole strip fits inside the box and opens up the way it should!)

- Put It All Together Now-

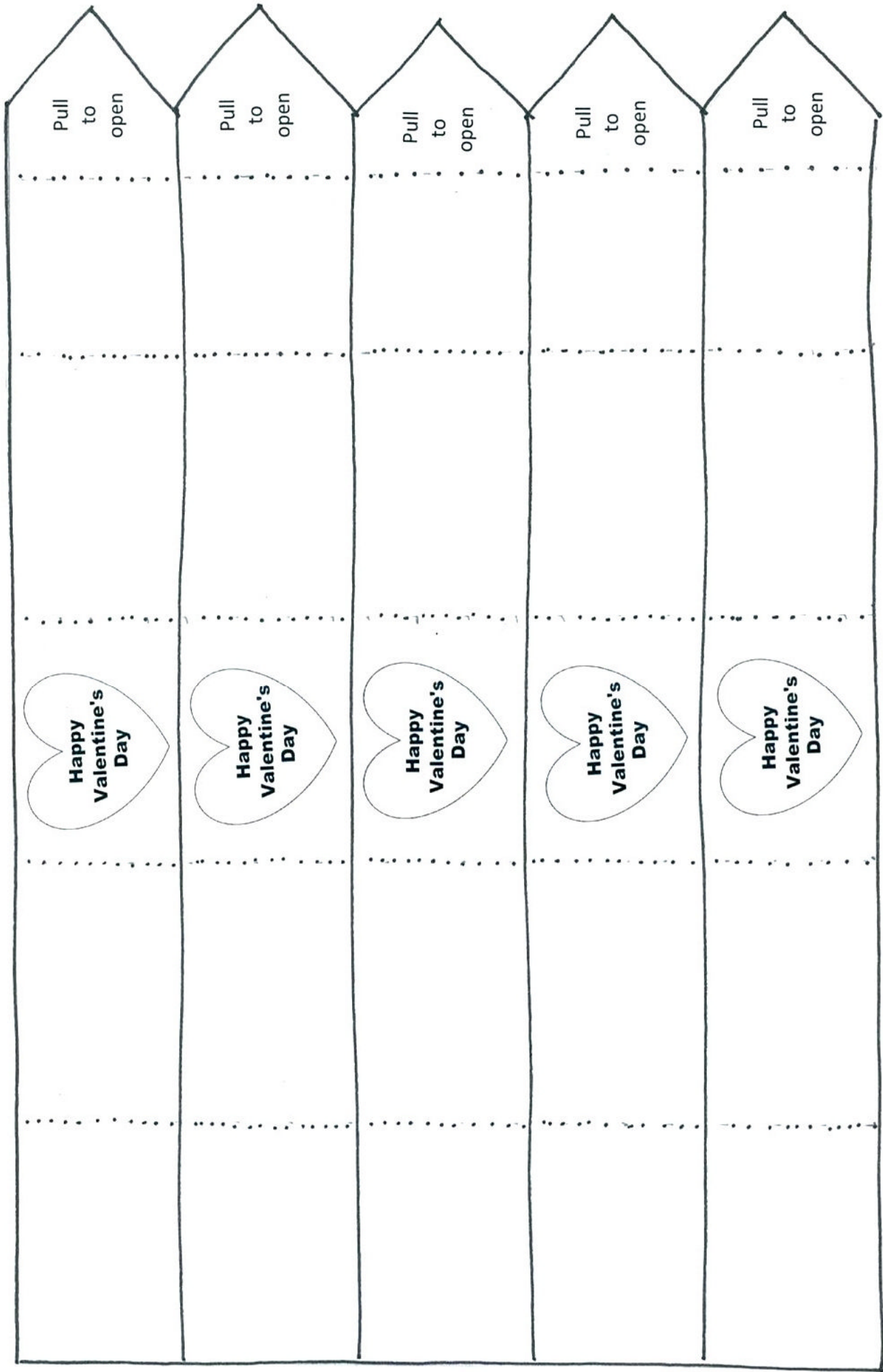
- Take the drawer out of the matchbox. Spread glue stick, just on the bottom (not the sides) of the inside of the drawer. Glue the panel on the far left in. Add small candy if you choose. then fold the rest of the panel in. Slide drawer into sleeve with the arrow folded to the right, sticking out the side of box. TA DA!



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These hearts can be cut out
and used to decorate the
outside of **Valentine
Matchboxes.**



Print on white copy paper, cut out along black lines to make enough strips for 5 Valentines.
Fold accordion style from side that does NOT have the arrow, folding to the right, and so on.