

# Cookie Cutter Square Heart Cane

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**Hearts were always my favorites, especially for Valentine ☺**

This square heart cane is made using a heart cookie cutter and the process of "shaping" the heart is so easy.

## **Materials:**

Working space, clean and smooth (ceramic/glass tile is great)

1/2 pack (2oz, 56 grams) of red polymer.

1/2 pack (2oz, 56 grams) of white polymer.

Stripes stack cane

Cutting blade

Brayer

Ruler

Pasta machine – recommended

Heart Cookie cutter

Baby wipes for cleaning

## **Pasta Machine**

There are few brands of pasta machines; some are different in setting than others.

When I say thickest setting choose yours accordingly whether it's 1 or 9.

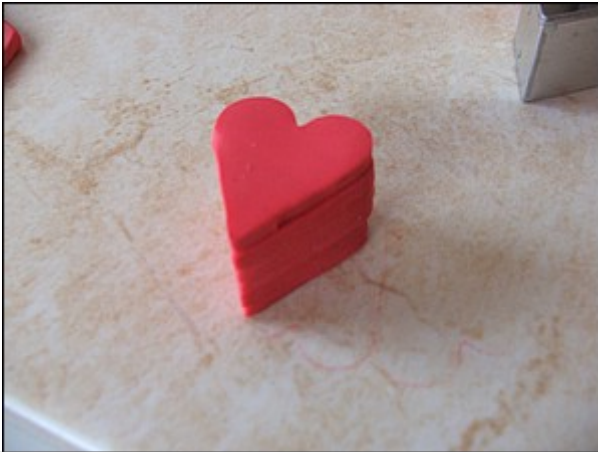
Start with the red polymer clay. Condition it well and roll it in the pasta machine on the thickest setting.



Cut hearts from the sheet, using the cookie cutter. The more hearts you cut, the more tall the cane will be and easier to reduce later.



I stacked 7 hearts. Heart cane using a heart cookie cutter makes the process of "shaping" the heart so easy.

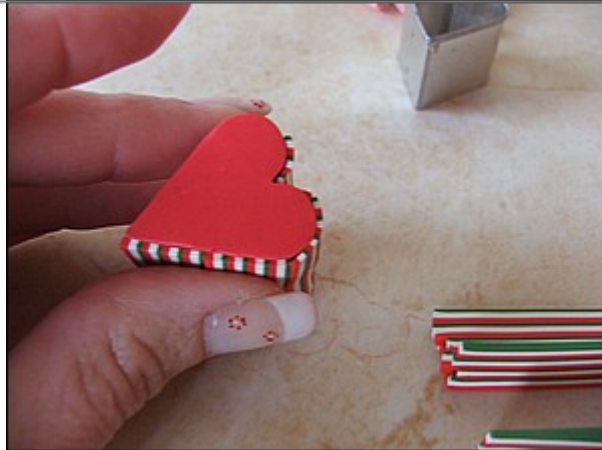


Make a stripes cane by layering equal/different thicknesses of clay to form a cane.





Cut the stripes cane to thin slices.



Wrap the heart with stripes; match the height to fit the heart.

Like this



Take the white/other color of background you chose.

Condition the clay and roll it in the pasta machine in the thickest setting.





Start wrapping the heart. The final goal is to make a square cane so we will be filling the background accordingly.

Continue with wrapping



Place a sheet of clay on the bottom of the heart, use a blade to straighten a line and see how much filling you need to form a square.



Cut the access of the bottom clay.



Roll a log and form a triangle out of it.  
We need to fill the space on the lower part of the heart.



Like this.



Go on with the filling, I added 2 more triangles to fill the space.



Add a layer on the top of the cane to make the background color look "balanced".



Add more stripes on the outer border of the cane. This step is not mandatory; I like the look of a stripy surrounding.



Start pressing and reducing the cane.

I reduce a square cane this way – I roll a bit, then rotate and roll on the next side, and so on until you reach the size you want.

I also slide my fingers along the cane's length. With this method also, you should alternate sides. Turn the cane over frequently so you are reducing all its sides evenly, and make sure you're not crushing the corners.



Cut in the middle



You can continue reducing more, cut to 4 parts and make a 4X heart cane.

**Good luck! 😊**





This is another version of using 2 sizes of cookie cutters to make a cane.



And with wrapping.

**Enjoy! 😊**