

Butted Valentine Heart With Dot Pattern and MS Border

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Fridays, Feb 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2026
at 3pm EST over Zoom

Braid Level: Advanced

Folds: Left or Right Opening Folds

Cost: \$90 (\$20/session + \$10 for *handout*)

This beautiful heart has 6 butted rows of dots, a dark inner border, and an 8-strand multistrand braid. It is 28" high by 26" wide. Choose your own colors, your own Multistrand pattern, and learn to make a beautiful heart!



Supplies needed:

- Approximately 3.5 yards of wool. Choose a mix of dark and light fabrics, all the same fabric weight.
- Usual braiding supplies
- Multistrand braiding supplies:
 - MS stand or clamp (a heavy book on a table will suffice if you don't have access to one, but it is not as good as a MS stand or clamp)
 - four metal toothed 5" beak hair clips
 - a hemostat (6" is best but 5" will do)
 - Braid-aids for folding strips, OR pre-press or pre-sew your strands

Plan for Class:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review heart terminology • Braid Row 1 with inside and outside triple corners, arranging dot pattern • Butt Row 1 • Shoe-Lace Row 1, including the center triple corners • Begin braiding Row 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the tricky alternating lace patterns for the central triple corners • Lace Rows 2-4, alternating corners, using pins to assist with corner placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of Multistrand terminology • Picking a MS pattern • MS Braid Start • Braiding vs Weaving • Even vs Odd MS • Braiding MS Corners: inside, and outside • Fitting a MS around curves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of fitting the large MS sets around each half of the heart • Tips for lacing on the MS: pins, outer-braid stretching • Butting a MS with the Diagonal Butt Method • Adapting this method to Even- vs Odd-numbered MS
Homework: Braid and butt Rows 2-4	Homework: Braid and butt Rows 5-7; lace on as many rows as you can	Homework: Braid the MS at least long enough to include the two corners.	Homework: Finish the heart, steam press, take a photo, and send it to your teacher!