



# Make Valentine's Day a Red Letter Day with Flavor & Fun from McCormick®



These scarlet treats and colorful crafts will warm your family's hearts. For complete recipes, tips and fun ideas to create your own "Red Letter Day," visit [www.McCormick.com](http://www.McCormick.com).

## Cupid's Cuisine

### Breakfast/Brunch

#### "Love Bug" Cinnamon Pancakes

Pancake mix and syrup spiced up with **Ground Cinnamon** and **Pure Vanilla Extract**, topped with a sprinkle of **Red Colored Sugar**

#### Overnight French Toast

Add delicious **red** strawberries to this sweet and fruity rendition of a family favorite

#### XO Oatmeal

Warm up with a bowl of your favorite oatmeal sprinkled with dried cranberries or cherries

#### Very Vanilla Fruit Salad

A refreshing fruit salad is perfect for brunch, snack time or dessert

#### Hot Cocoa with Red Sugar Crusted Marshmallows

Cinnamon-spiced hot cocoa dressed up with marshmallows coated in **Red Colored Sugar**

#### Strawberry Vanilla Smoothie

Whip up this delicious **red** smoothie for a satisfying, cool and creamy treat

### Desserts/Snacks

#### Cupid's Cupcakes

Delightful pink cupcakes, tinted with **Red Food Color**

#### Tender Heart Cookies

Warm your child's heart with these delectable pink heart-shaped cookies

#### Red Velvet Cheesecake

Cheerful double layer cheesecake is a new take on the traditional **Red Velvet Cake**



#### Red Velvet Cupcakes

Mini versions of the classic **Red Velvet Cake** – about as **red** as it gets

#### Red Velvet Whoopie Pies

Vibrant **Red Food Color** in the cookie dough adds a **red** velvet twist

#### Easy Raspberry Molten Cakes

A hint of raspberry in the cake, and a **red** raspberry sauce to serve alongside, adds just a splash of **red** to dessert

#### Very Valentine Glaze

Simple glaze tinted with **Red Food Color** is perfect for all sorts of Valentine treats



## Tasty Tips

- ♥ For special deliveries, use heart-shaped molds or cookie cutters
- ♥ Personalize snacks and treats with special love notes
- ♥ Try using varying amounts of **Red Food Color** to create different shades of red and pink
- ♥ For extra spice, try adding **Ground Cinnamon** and/or **Pure Vanilla Extract** to recipes
- ♥ Vibrant and sparkling, **Red Colored Sugar** is the perfect finishing touch to all sorts of treats
- ♥ Add extra **red** to just about anything by topping with **red** raspberries, strawberries, dried cranberries or cherries





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## Colorful Crafts!

Arts and crafts are a fun way to make Valentine's Day a **Red Letter Day**. Kids enjoy getting creative and moms love easy and inexpensive craft ideas. Try using varying amounts of **Red Food Color** to create different shades of red and pink.

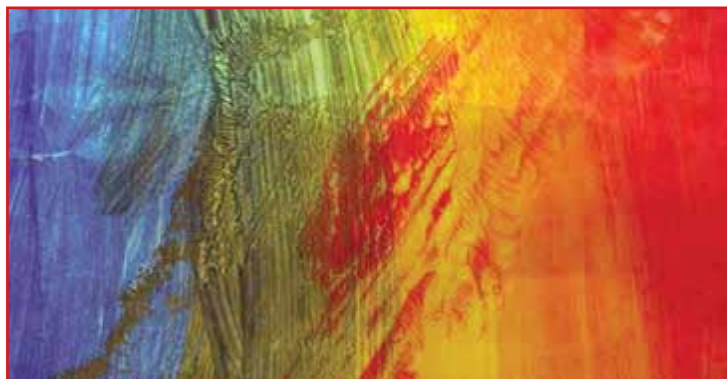
Don't forget to put down newspapers or a drop cloth before you begin and wash your hands with soap and water after playing with food color. Visit [www.McCormick.com](http://www.McCormick.com) for more craft ideas.



## Rainbow Dough

Combine 1-1/2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 cup water and 1/4 cup McCormick Cream of Tartar plus about 20 drops of **McCormick Red Food Color** in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly for about 5 minutes. Cool on wax paper, then knead slightly until dough is smooth. Use heart-shaped cookie cutters to create personalized valentines. Store in an airtight container.

Ages 7-12



## Water Colors

Combine 1 tablespoon white vinegar with 2 teaspoons baking soda. Then, slowly add 1 tablespoon cornstarch and 1/4 cup glycerin. Pour 1 inch of the mixture into 6 to 8 paper cups and let dry overnight. Once they're dry, add **McCormick Red Food Color**, making sure to use a lot as the color isn't as deep when it dries. To use, dip a paint brush into some water, then into the homemade paint. Perfect for making home-made valentines!  
Ages 7-12

## Funny Putty

Start with 1 cup of white glue in a plastic container. Add 1 cup of liquid starch a little at a time stirring constantly, along with **McCormick Red Food Color**. Once the mixture looks rubbery like putty you're done. A great surprise for the kids on Valentine's Day! Store in an airtight container.  
Ages 7-12

