Tangram
Special Activity

Valentine's MONTH

Play Lovely Evening!

This month's special themed world contains 6 new puzzles for you to solve. Can you tell what they are?

Hint

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To get started, open Osmo Tangram and then tap on this special button.

Hint

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Solve all puzzles to unlock Special Treasures!
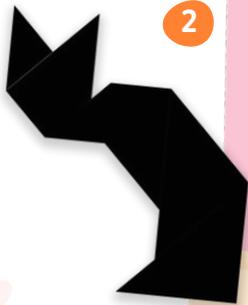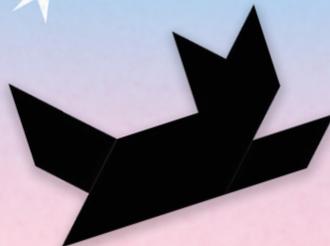
Genius Spotlight: Esther Howland

It's hard to imagine Valentine's Day without cards, but they weren't always part of the holiday in the US. The tradition began in England, with handwritten notes embellished with gold foil, lace borders, and cut flowers. In 1849, 19-year-old Esther Howland received one of these elaborate cards in the mail. She'd never seen anything like it in Massachusetts!

Determined to make more affordable versions that wouldn't have to be imported, Esther designed some cards of her own. With help from her father, who owned a stationery store, she ordered papers and images. A group of local ladies helped assemble the cards at Esther's home. Once completed, she put them up for sale in her father's store.

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More about: **Esther Howland**

Esther's valentines were a hit and soon started being sold all around the country. In the 1870s, Esther and her "New England Valentine Company" opened up a factory to mass-produce her designs. For decades, Esther's were the most popular Valentine's Day cards around; Hallmark wouldn't sell its first Valentine card until 1913, after Esther retired.

Today, 145 million Valentine cards are sent in the US each year. They've come a long way since Esther's earliest versions, but the special feeling of receiving (and giving!) a love note is still the same.

Esther Howland
Valentine card

Craft Your Own Valentine!

Layers of doilies, scrap images, and paper cuttings gave Esther's cards a special look and feel.

Make your own Esther Howland-inspired valentines using these materials:

- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Small piece of cardboard (from cereal or shipping box)
- Piece of paper, photo, or magazine clipping
- 3D bedazzling materials: ribbon, buttons, beads, stickers, etc.

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4"

6"
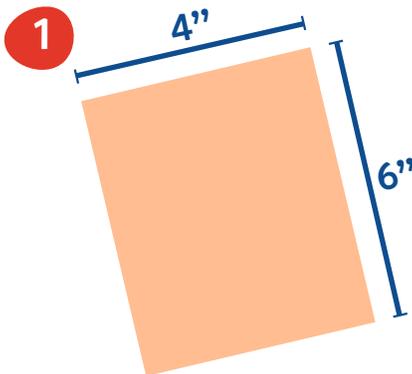
Cut cardboard into a small rectangle, about 4"x6".

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Create a fun-shaped "window" in the middle of your cardboard by folding it in half, then cutting from the folded edge (like this). Try to create a heart!

3

Bedazzle your cardboard using tape/glue and your 3D materials.

4

Once that's dry, tape or glue a "background" image behind it (like a photo, magazine clipping, or piece of paper).

You'll be able to see it through the cut-out window!

Give your valentine to a family member or friend that you love having in your life.