



## GET CRAFTY WITH CORK THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

If you've been busy hosting over the festive period, chances are you'll have ended up with a left over cork or two. Instead of throwing your left over corks away, why not try transforming them in to a crafty keepsake in time for Valentine's Day with this idea from [ilovenaturalcork.co.uk](http://ilovenaturalcork.co.uk)?



**Cork Heart:** Whether you're planning to enjoy a glass of wine over a candle-lit dinner or celebrate a romantic night in with some bubbly and that special someone, this cork heart makes a charming centrepiece or even a stylish plate charger - perfect for creating the finishing touch to your Valentine's table setting.

Mix and match the staining of corks to suit your colour scheme. Using corks from rich reds creates a bold statement piece, while mixing natural corks from both red and white wines can give an understated modern twist.

To give creating your own cork craft heart a go, [click here](#) for an easy step-by-step guide

**Romantic lighting:** Clever lighting will add the finishing touch to your Valentine's Day setting – dim or switch off bright ceiling lights and instead use a mixture of lamps and candles to create a softly-lit atmosphere. Crafting your own lampshade, made from left over natural corks, will add a romantic glow to any room.



**A Valentine's Wish:** Make Valentine's memories last by following the age old tradition of the silver coin. When a bottle is shared on a happy occasion, take the natural cork from the bottle, making a wish that the happiness you feel on this occasion is repeated, placing a coin in a slit in the top of the cork as you do so. Sleep with the cork under your pillow then rub the coin any day after this for good luck!



## Recycle Valentine's Day

Whatever you have got planned to celebrate this Valentine's Day, don't just throw away your natural corks. Use these top tips to create something cool and quirky or take your left over wine and champagne corks to Laithwaites Wine shops, where they will be recycled.

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