During the nineteenth century, cut paper hearts and hands were exchanged as tokens of love, friendship, and gestures of regard all year long. Try your hand at creating a card for someone you care for inspired by this love token from the museum’s collection. Inscribed on one of the hands is this sweet sentiment: “Hand and heart shall never part / When this you see / Remember me.” What message will you include on your card?
**Materials:**
scissors or Xacto knife, pencil, colored paper

Optional: patterned papers, glue, paint, paintbrush, markers, embellishments such as glitter

**Step 1:** Trace your hand shape on a piece of colored paper and cut it out, including a couple of inches for the wrist.

**Step 2:** Cut several “inverted V” slits in the palm of the hand, in a vertical stack. This example uses 6 slits, but you can use more or less depending on your preference.

**Step 3:** Cut out a heart shape that fits on the palm of your hand. Then, cut the same number of “V-shaped” slits in the center of the heart.
Step 4: “Weave” the slits into one another so that the points from the hand show through the heart.

Step 5: Cut small vertical slits at the wrists and weave strips of colored paper through them for additional embellishment.

Note: This project can also be made simply by collaging shapes and designs onto the hand, and/or painting and drawing designs.