



Patchwork Drawstring Bag



CYANOTYPE

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Suggested age group: 13 years and up!

BIG IDEA

Experiment, plan, and make multiple works of art and design that explore a personally meaningful theme, idea, or concept.

PATCHWORK DRAWSTRING BAG

STEP ONE

Something that will make this bag über unique is to make it patchwork. Although all the fabric will be cyan, it is easy to give the fabric interesting contrast with textures, shapes, and busyness of pattern. Pick two pieces of fabric that contrast well, and cut four pieces of fabric that are 4"x10".

STEP TWO

Place two contrasting pieces right sides together. This means that the fabric you want to be facing the outside when you're done will be facing the inside right now. Use a backstitch to sew a straight line along one edge with about ¼" from the edge. See page 5 in the guidebook.

Here is a video tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqj_lUo1tJo

STEP THREE

Now you will have two rectangles to make your bag out of. Place these right sides together and backstitch the perimeter of the pieces, but leave a half-inch opening at 2 inches from the bottom of the bag on both sides—this will be where your drawstring pulls through.

STEP FOUR

At the top of your bag fold the fabric over half an inch and then half an inch again. Backstitch all the way around the bag. This will be your drawstring channel. Turn your bag right side out and you are ready to add your drawstring!

STEP FIVE

Use any ribbon, string, yarn, or long scraps of fabric you have lying around to make your string. Attach a safety pin to one end and use that to thread your string though the channel via the openings you left in step three. After you have thread the front and back channel tie your string in a knot. Whichever side doesn't have the thread coming out of it, repeat the threading starting at that side. Now you have one drawstring sticking out of each hole, and you have a completed patchwork drawstring bag!