4-H at Home

ON THE GO LESSON

DRAWSTRING BAG

INCLUDES

YARN | CLOTH CIRCLE | BEADS

4-H PROJECT AREAS

SEWING AND NEEDLE ARTS | CLOTHING

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INCLUDED SUPPLIES

- *Yarn*
- *10-inch diameter cloth circle from cotton, cotton blend, or flannel fabric*
- *Beads*

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

- *Scissors*

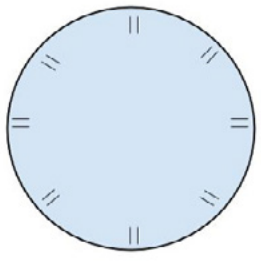
BACKGROUND

What would you do without a pocket? Before pockets people used drawstring bags or other means to carry their belongings. For centuries drawstring bags have been in use. In the past, people used leather for the material of these bags. Create your own drawstring bag accessory to carry coins, makeup, or other objects by following the instructions below!

DO REFLECT APPLY

Draw eight evenly spaced sets of two black lines around the edge of your circle, like in the diagram shown below. Lines should be ½ inch long and ¼ inch between the two lines in each set. Use your scissors to cut only on the black lines. This should make a hole in the fabric. Thread your yarn through the small cuts you just made. You should be able to thread it along the entire edge of the circle.

Add a few beads to each end of the yarn to decorate it. Then tie each end in several knots to make sure the beads don't fall off. Tie the yarn in a bow to secure the bag shut.



Reflect on creating the bag: What skills did you use to do this project? How could you improve your skills next time? Was the material easy or hard to work with? If you could design your bag any way that you wanted, what would you change? What would you do the same? Did you use any principles of design?

Try different materials and see how durability and construction are affected. Could you find a larger piece of material and make a bag using the method you just practiced? What other decorations could you incorporate? Could you add something to the bag so you could carry it more efficiently, such as a strap?

References: Elements and principles of design https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/464. Written by Clarissa Hoffman, Adelyda Ebersole, and Hannah Hood, Americorps; and Michaela O'Grady, Youth Coordinator, ISU Extension and Outreach Union County.

LEARN MORE

Project areas are topics that 4-H members can learn about on their own, with a friend, at a club meeting, or at 4-H events. To learn more about the project areas you can explore in 4-H, please use our free resources online at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15266.

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