

Children's Travel Drawing Kit.



A fabric carry case to hold colouring pencils and drawing books.

The fabric used in this demonstration bag is produced by Craft Cotton Company in collaboration with the Natural History Museum.



You will need:

- **Fabric:** the demonstration bag was made out of 4 different fat quarters. If using fabric off the roll this can be made out of 1 yard / meter.
- Batting
- Elastic: 0.5" wide
- Velcro: male and female 1.5"

Note: All seams are 1/4"

Outer layer.

Finished size required is 22" by 13.5". This can be pieced or cut from a single length. If the fabric is directional then add 0.5" onto the length, cut in half width ways and turn fabric so the pattern shows as the right way up on both sides when folded. Re-attach the two pieces into one length.

Cut the batting a little larger than 22" by 13.3". Layer batting and outer fabric. Baste and quilt the two layers together. Trim to size.



Tab fastening.

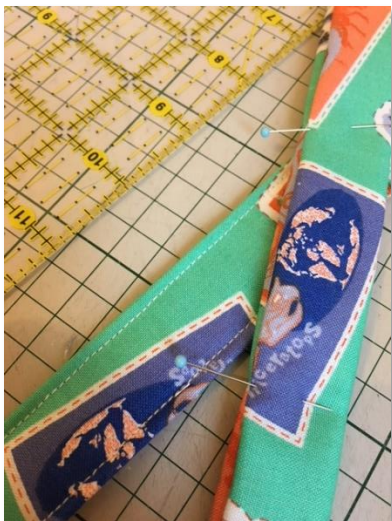
Cut a piece 3" by 5" (or longer). Fold in half length ways, right sides together, and sew along the long side and one end. Turn inside out and press.

Add a piece of Velcro 1.5" long to the closed end and sew all around it to secure.

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Turn raw edge of the tab under (Velcro side) and secure to the back of the bag (outside) 1.5" away for the raw edge and in the centre. This needs to be a square of stitches away from the edge so that the binding can be applied later.

Attach the other half of the Velcro to the bottom outer edge, lined up with the tab



Handles.

Cut two pieces of fabric 3" by 11".
Cut two pieces of batting 1" by 11".

Place the batting on the wrong side of the fabric, 0.5" away from one long edge. Fold the 0.5" edge in and overlap with the wider edge and turn under.

Pin. Edge stitch the length of the handle making sure the seam is secure. Edge stitch the other side of the handle. Repeat with the second handle.

Place the handle on the short edge of the outer layer, 3.5" in from the long edge both sides.

Pin and machine stitch in place, 1/8th" away from the edge.

Repeat for second handle.



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Inner layer.

Finished size, 22" by 13.5".

This can be pieced or cut from a single length. If the fabric is directional then add 0.5" onto the length and cut in half and turn fabric so the pattern shows as the right way up when folded. Rejoin.

Mark the middle and work on the left side where the crayons and small sticker pocket are placed.

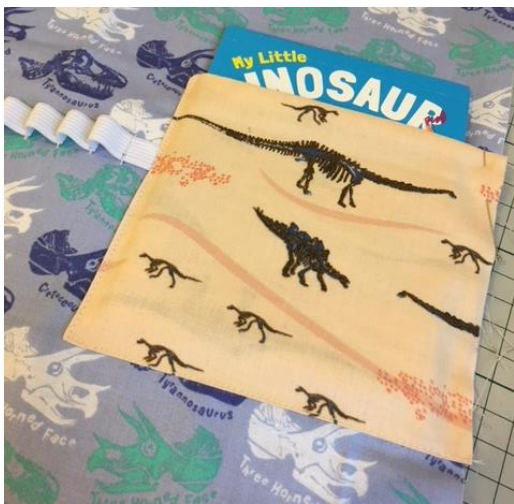
Estimate where the elastic needs to go to hold the crayons. You need to have the crayons to hand to measure the length to the middle. Add 1" on to the measurement and mark on the fabric (measuring from the centre fold.)

Reinforce the section where the elastic is and fuse a strip of fabric to the back. This should be between 2 and 3" wide.

Mark along the fabric (where you want the elastic to go) 4/8" intervals. (12 marks for 12 crayons).

Mark on the elastic 7/8" intervals, starting 1" in (so elastic overhangs the end).

Stitch the elastic to the fabric, lining up the marks. Leave enough elastic in the centre to be sewn underneath the sticker pocket.



Sticker Pocket.

Cut a piece 6" wide by 10" long. Fold in half width ways (right sides together) and sew across the left side and bottom edge. Turn inside out and press,

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Place the pocket with the open edge along the long edge of the lining approximately 1" above the centre line. Stitch around the pocket making sure the top is left open.

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Book Pocket.

Cut a piece 13.5" wide and 14" deep. Fold in half (right sides together) and sew along the long edge. Turn inside out and press.

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Position the pocket approximately 1" above the centre fold and stitch along the sides and the bottom.



To Finish

Layer up the outer and inner pieces and trim if necessary. Zig zag around the outside to hold secure.

Bind with fabric cut 1.5" wide, machine stitched to the outside and hand stitched closed on the inside.

Fill with colouring books and/or A4 paper, crayons and stickers. 😊