



CALICO BAGS

Decorate your own calico bags with these creative activities.

christmas Bags



- Materials**
 Calico Bag
 Print Foam
 Ballpoint Pen
 Dual Fabric Paint
 Sequins
 Christmas Bead Box
 Craft Glue
 Metallic Yarn

1. Choose a symbol of Christmas and draw the symbol on an A4 sheet of Drawing Paper.
2. Place the paper over a sheet of A4 Printing Foam and trace over the lines of the symbol.
3. Take away the paper and use a Ballpoint pen to go

4. Paint the Dual Fabric Paint into the colours selected and press the painted Printing Foam onto the Calico Bag. Press the back of the foam with your hand.
5. Peel the Printing Foam

6. Iron the back side of the image to fix the paint.
7. Use Metallic Yarn, Sequins and Beads, glued or sewn onto the painted symbol to further enhance the image.

- Materials**
 Calico Bag
 Procion Dyes
 Procion Painting Powder
 Procion Manutex Liquid

Procion Painting Powder makes a liquid solution, which allows Procion Dyes to be painted or air-brushed onto natural fabrics. Dissolve approximately 125g of Painting Powder in 1 litre of warm tap water. (This will keep indefinitely as a stock solution.) When working with silk, Soda Ash is not necessary. For all other fabrics, add two teaspoons of Soda Ash per

- litre of Painting Powder solution. On the day of dyeing, select the colours and form a paste with one heaped teaspoon of Procion Dye and a little hot water, then dilute with the Painting Powder solution.
- For full strength dye add two tablespoons of dye powder to 1 litre of Painting Powder solution, i.e. approx. one teaspoon of Dye Powder to 100ml of Painting Powder solution.
 - To thicken the dyes add Manutex Liquid.
1. Use Food Dye on A3 Drawing Paper to design the colour and pattern to be used on the Calico Bag.
 2. Place a few sheets of

3. Use a paintbrush to paint the Procion Dye onto the Calico Bag, painting all the colours on at the one time. Set aside to dry.
4. Use threads, sequins and beads to further enhance the design.

Painting with Procion Dyes

Printing

- Materials**
 Calico Bag
 Printing Foam
 Ballpoint Pen
 Dual Fabric Paint
 Polymark Paint Pens

Discuss different ways of replicating an image to create an art piece. Look at and discuss Andy Warhol's *Mona Lisa* 1963 and *Marilyn Diptych* 1962, screen-printed images. Students might choose a pop or film star as their subject or an object they would like seen replicated.

1. Draw the subject of your choice on an A6 sheet of Drawing paper, keeping the design as simple as possible.
2. Place the drawing over a piece of Printing Foam, hold it in place whilst you trace over the drawing with a Ballpoint Pen.
3. Take away the paper and use a Ballpoint Pen to go over the lines directly on the Printing Foam.
4. Place a few sheets of newspaper inside a Calico Bag.
5. Roll the Dual Fabric Paint onto the Printing Foam with a Foam Roller.
6. Place the wet Printing Foam down onto the Calico Bag and press the back of the Printing Foam with your hand. Peel away the Printing Foam to expose the print.
7. Repeat this step with either a different colour or repeat the image in the same colour to cover the entire front surface of the bag.
8. Touch up the background colours with a brush and Dual Fabric Paint or select parts of each image to highlight with a different colour.
9. When dry the Calico Bag may be ironed to fix the paint.
10. Lines might also be highlighted using Polymark Paint Pens.

