

## ACCESSORIES: FAUX CHENILLE BAG



### MATERIALS REQUIRED

4 or more pieces of different colored fabric 60 \* 30 cm of each piece (2 halves of the handbag), scissors, sewing machine, compass or bowl or other large round object, chalk, bobby-pins, ruler, zipper and strap.

\*Note: the pieces of fabric will shift a bit as you're sewing, so you'll end up losing a few centimeters all the way around once you trim the finished edges.



### DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

High.

### APPROXIMATE TIME REQUIRED

3 hours.

### LEARNING GOALS

Learning how to make faux chenille.

Learning how to make a handbag.

### ABILITIES DEVELOPED



Attention, determination, fine handling, hand-eye dexterity, creativity.

### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. For round bags, place a large round object, approximately the size of the desired handbag, on top of the layered pieces of fabric; draw its shape on the piece of fabric at the top.



2. Using the ruler to find the center of the circle and mark it. Using a compass, draw 6 concentric circles about 1cm apart. Make sure the lines are visible.



3. Secure the pieces of fabric together, using bobby-pins. Be careful not to put them directly on the lines, as they will be sewn over.

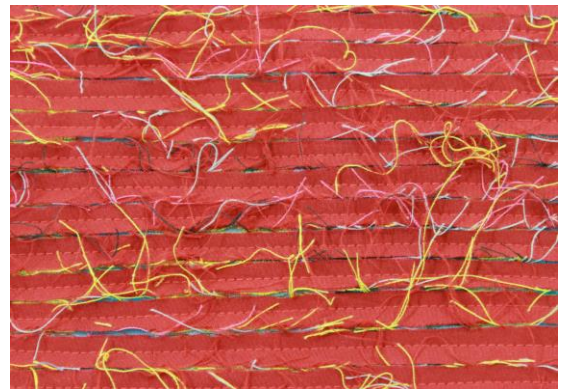


4. Using a sewing machine, sew the drawn circles one by one, starting from the outermost circle and moving inwards. For rectangular or square bags, just sew parallel lines, the work will be easier for these kinds of models.





5. Using pointy-ended scissors cut the uppermost layers of fabric in the middle of the sewing lines of the outermost circle. Repeat the process the whole length of the bag. Be careful not to cut through all the layers of fabric!



6. Repeat the same steps to produce the second half of the handbag.

7. Put both halves on top of each other, bottom sides against each other, sew them together leaving space for a zipper. Sew in the zipper.





8. You can also add a strap: it may be a piece of fabric or a leather band.



#### TIPS

In order to make a beautiful bag, the colors need to be harmonious and work well together. Pay attention to this when choosing the fabrics for your bag, since all colors will be visible in the layers of cut fabric.

If it is the first time that you do this cool bag, it is better to start with a simpler form instead of the round one. Sewing concentric circles can be difficult.