



ACCESSORIES: PATCHWORK BAG



MATERIALS REQUIRED

Different kinds of textile remains, scissors, hand-sewing needles, yarn, various models for cutting out the decorative patches (circle, square, heart, flower etc.), closing stickers, sewing machine.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

Medium.

APPROXIMATE TIME REQUIRED

From 2 to 6 hours, depending on the size of product and number of participants.

LEARNING GOALS

Upcycling of old textile remains/waste, cutting skills (making different textile shapes), hand sewing skills, skills needed to combine different colours and materials, skills needed to make straight stitches with the sewing machine.

WORKED ABILITIES

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

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, choose different textile remains.
2. Depending on the quantity of material(s), define the size of the bag.
3. Cut out the rectangular basis of the bag (arbitrary size).





4. Prepare the models for decorative patches (various form are drawn on pieces of cardboard and then cut out).
5. According to the models draw the desired patches on the textile and cut them out by hand.





6. Then put the decorative patches arbitrarily on the handbag and stick them with pins.



7. Sew the decorative patches with yarn on the surface of the handbag using ornamental stitches.



8. Iron it.

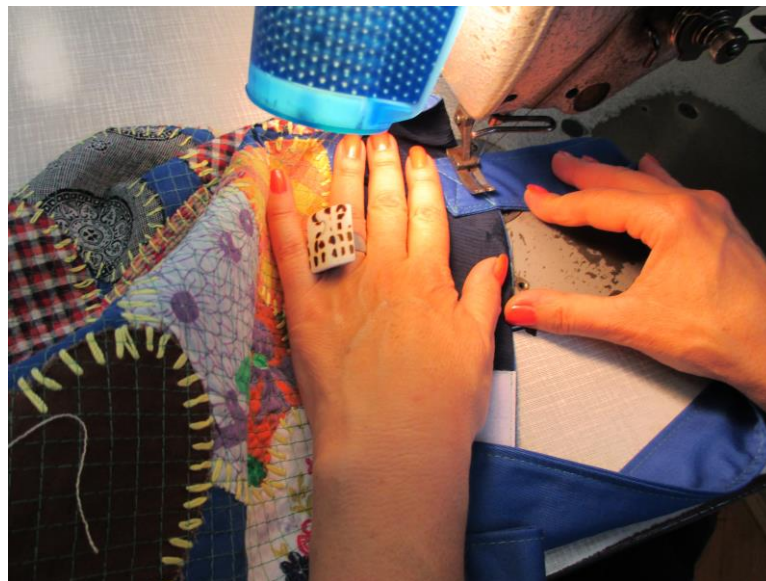
9. The textile basis with stitched patches is then further embroidered with vertical and horizontal stitches set approx. 0.5 cm apart.

10. The different parts of the bag are then sewed together.





11. Next, we prepare suitable lining for the bag, put it together, sew it up and stitch it into the bag.
12. On the top of the bag's opening we insert the closing stickers.
13. In the end, we add the carrier belt that was previously designed, sewed, ironed and made according to its appropriate length.



TIPS

To make the bag even fancier, we can use different natural materials, like bamboo sticks for handles, coconut fibres, pistachio shells, reed etc.).