

Gift-t-bags

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With just one seam and some rubber stamps, this easy project upcycles ordinary t-shirt sleeves into fun earth-friendly little gift bags. Decorate for any occasion.

Supplies:

Intact t-shirt sleeves (cut sleeves from t-shirt right at the seam).
matching thread
60" length satin cording or ribbon for drawstrings
rubber stamps & fabric ink pads
and/or color sticks and texture pads
small safety pin or bodkin
iron (to set inks)

Decorate sleeve with rubber stamps or color sticks, keeping in mind that the factory hem will be the top of the gift bag. Set inks with hot dry iron if recommended. Turn the sleeve inside out and stitch across the cut end of the sleeve with a 1/4" seam.

Turn right side out and make two small slits on either side of the side seam on the sleeve hem.

Cut through outer layer of fabric only. Make slits about 1/4" apart.

Repeat at opposite side of sleeve.

Cut a 30" length of cording or ribbon. Attach the safety pin or bodkin and feed through hem. Go in and come out at same side. Knot ends of cord together.

Repeat with the remaining cord, but begin at the opposite side. Knot ends together.

