girl scouts of northern california

Holiday Bags 2015

What are Holiday Bags?

Holiday-decorated bags for less advantaged children. They are made of felt (or paper or cloth) filled with gifts such as; new, unwrapped toys, books, basic toiletries, and candies. All items must be new and in their original packages. This project has been a wonderful holiday tradition for Sonoma County Girl Scouts since 1997 and has grown to involve many other counties throughout Northern California.

Participation patches and year bar rockers may be purchased at GSNorCal Council Shops & online at http://store.girlscoutsnorcal.org

Who can make one? ALL ages of Girl Scouts – as a troop or individually.

Who receives the bags? Children who are living in homeless shelters, children's homes, foster homes or are in other situations of need in Sonoma County.

How and when do we register? Mail or fax your registration (below) by December 4, 2015.

When do the bags need to be brought to the Santa Rosa Office (4825 Old Redwood Hwy, Santa Rosa)? Between November 30th - Dec. 11th.

What happens to the bags then? Teen Girl Scouts and adults help sort the bags and deliver them to the organizations that distribute them. Some bags are distributed by Girl Scouts at holiday parties.

There is **a special need** for bags for teens, toddlers and boys.

Thank you so very much for joining in! Happy Holidays!

Directions for making felt bags are on the back.

Questions? Call Deborah @ 541-6992 or damfsh2@yahoo.com

Holiday Bag Registration by Dec. 4th, please

EMAIL REGISTRATION ONLY

Email this information to DAMFSH2@yahoo.com:

Contact Name, Troop #, Address, City, Zip, Daytime phone, Email

Total number of bags and for whom they will be created
(ex. 6 bags; 3 baby girl and 3 teenage boy)

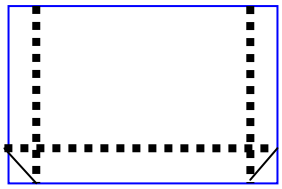
Directions for making felt bags are on the reverse.

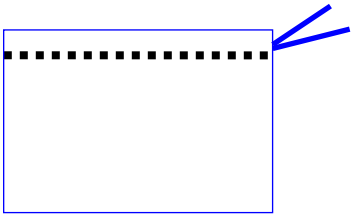
Instructions for Felt Holiday Bags

Other bags may be used, but these are preferred. Our felt bags have some longtime special memories for many people in our community.

Materials:

(2) 18" x 18" pieces of felt **1½ yards cord or heavy ribbon** **decorations**





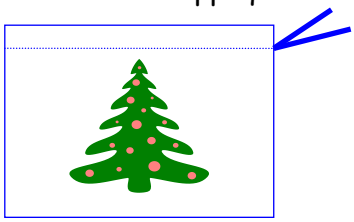
1. Cut two pieces of felt 18" x 18".

2. Place the two pieces together and sew ½ inch seams along two sides and the bottom. Trim off small triangles" from each of the bottom corners

3. Turn inside out and sew a 1½" seam on the top, leaving a 3" opening. This will be where the cord will pull through.

4. String the cord through using a large safety pin (or a bodkin).

5. Decorate with paint fabric, ribbons, small ornaments or appliqué. Use a hot glue gun (girls need adult supervision for this) or tacky glue.



NOTE: ***Do not tie cord in a knot.***

Gift Ideas for Holiday Bags

Babies – 2 Years*

Sleepers * Socks * Caps * Baby Shampoo/Lotion/Powder * Stuffed Toys
Teething Toys * Books

3-6 Years

Socks * Mittens * Knit Caps * Tooth Brush/Tooth Paste * Color Books/Crayons * Craft Kits
Toy Cars/Trucks * Baby Dolls * Stuffed Toys * Books

Children 7-12 Years

Socks/Mittens/Knit Caps * Sweatshirts * Tooth Brush/Tooth Paste
Brushes/Combs/Hair Accessories * Coloring Books/Markers * Toy Cars/Trucks
Baby/Barbie Dolls * Jewelry/Watches * Books/Games/Legos
Stuffed Toys * Nerf Balls * Books *

Children 13-17 Years

Socks/Mittens/Knit Caps * Sweatshirts * Tooth Brushes/Tooth Paste
Brushes/Combs/Hair Accessories * Color Books/Markers * Jewelry/Watches
Books * Games * CD Players w/earphones (and batteries) * Wallets * Journals
Pocket Games * Nerf Balls * Gel Pens/Paper * Craft Kits / Models

Thank you for your participation in the Holiday Bag Project!

Information about the Holiday Bag Project is on the reverse.

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