

LESSON PLAN TITLE:

Indian Inspired Satchels and Handbags

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MATERIALS:

Berlap, yarn, thin bendable wire, beads, string, feathers, masking tape, glue, markers, felt, large embroidery needles, scissors, raffia.

OBJECTIVES:

Students will each create a personal satchel or handbag from recycled material, berlap cut to 8' x 16", used to carry personal items or for special use.

ANTICIPATORY SET (LEAD-IN, ACTIVATING PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE, "HOOK"):

Slide presentation of Indian handicraft bags and purses, Native American beaded bags and various uses for berlap as recycled material. Teacher's example and demonstration.

STEP-BY-STEP PROCEDURE:

1. Students will draw design for bag.
2. Students will receive a berlap strip on which to create a decoration or design.
3. Students will stitch shapes of felt and or paper onto berlap using bendable wire. They may add beads as they stitch a running-stitch.
4. Students will stitch the open sides using bendable wire as well. These can be pre-held together using a stapler.
5. Students can add glue and yarn to create textures only on top of felted areas or paper.
6. Students will use various colored yarns to create handles or straps that can also be stapled and then sewn on using bendable wire.

