

Mini harvest scene in a bag

What you need

Plain gift bag, 7x9 inches, autumn color

Glue

Tape

Paintbrush

Scissors

Gold and green chenille stems

5mm-20mm beads in orange, yellow, wood

Orange permanent marker

Miniature artificial leaves (or cut them from paper or old large leaves)

Styrofoam cut to fit bottom of bag

Paper

Markers

Mini-corks

Red headed straight pins

Wire cutter

Toothpick

1-inch wood circle (or cut circle from craft foam in yellow or flesh color)

Yellow or light brown scrap of yarn

(Optional: pumpkin stickers, crow sticker, gold cording)

Blue paper



What to do

1. Place Styrofoam inside bag. On bag, mark the top of the Styrofoam and then remove it. Cut a pumpkin shaped opening in front of bag. Place bottom of pattern at mark for top of Styrofoam. Cut and slide in a piece of blue paper to cover back inside of bag (for sky).

2. Thin glue with water and brush on Styrofoam. Glue on leaves to cover Styrofoam. Place Styrofoam block in bottom of bag.

3. Cut scarecrow pattern with top on fold of paper. Color. Draw face on circle. Add yarn or yellow cotton ball hair. Cut and color a hat for scarecrow (red triangle works well).

4. Scarecrow body. Use a 7-inch piece of gold chenille stem for main body. Fold chenille in half. Glue, or tape, top of the folded chenille stem to the back of scarecrow's head. Pass folded chenille stem through opening of body.

Use a 6-inch piece of chenille for arms. Twist arm piece around neck. Tape each leg of chenille stem to inside of pant legs. Tape arms to inside of shirt. Tape a toothpick inside center of body, letting end hang longer than scarecrow's legs. Tape or glue clothes closed. Curl or fold back ends of chenille for straw feet and hands. Push end of toothpick into Styrofoam base (towards center back of bag).

5. Push green chenille stems into beads for pumpkin stems. Color beads orange, if needed. Position pumpkins on Styrofoam, as desired. Fasten in place by using a straight pin, glue, or chenille stem pushed into Styrofoam.

6. For baskets of apples, use small upside-down corks. Color top with red marker. If desired, color cork brown or gold. Cut pins shorter and push into top of cork for apples. Set basket in place with glue, or push a pin partway into bottom, cut off pinhead, and push into Styrofoam base.

7. Twist three pieces of gold chenille stem together to form cornstalks. Cut pieces 2-4 inches long.

Optional: To add corn tassels, use a piece of gold cord. Pull a thread at end to unravel it a bit.

7. Decorate bag as desired with stickers and cutouts.

