

Fun & Funky Handbag



This fun & funky fabric painted handbag can be made to match any outfit. It is so easy, you can, by just changing your designs and colours, make more than one.

You will need:

Dala Fabric Paints (we used Transparent Blue and White)

Dala Puff Paints

Dala Fabric Artliners, Normal, Metallic and Glitter Variants

Pre-washed 100% cotton (45x50cm)

Pencil (for tracing design)

Brush / Sponge for background

No 2/4 brush for puff paint

No 8 seed beads

Needle

1m thick cotton thread

TIP: Design and plan your colours on a piece of paper before starting this project

Instructions:

Before starting, trace your design onto the fabric with a pencil.

To create the background of the bag, use **Dala Fabric Paint** to paint the fabric.

TIP: To create a streaky effect, put two colours next to each other (we used transparent blue and white) on a plate or piece of plastic. Scoop the paint together on a brush or sponge and paint the fabric.

Allow to dry completely.

Firstly, decorate the areas where you want to use **Dala Puff Paint**. Using a paintbrush, apply the Puff Paint to fabric. Always try working evenly with this paint, as unevenness can create a polystyrene effect. Allow to dry slightly before heat setting and use a hair dryer, or bake the fabric in your kitchen oven at 120°C for 5 minutes, or wait until completely dry and iron with a hot iron on the fabric's reverse side.



Secondly, start working with **Dala Fabric Artliners**, drawing and outlining designs, or writing words. To add sparkle to your designs, use the glitter Artliners. To paint the feathers, use a black Artliner to draw a line. Using a small brush, coop up some of the liner and flick your brush to the sides. This will give you an uneven look perfect for painting feathers, as you don't want any definite lines. Wait till dry before adding white dots with your white Artliner. Allow Artliners to dry completely before heat setting by ironing on the reverse side of the fabric for at least 5-10 minutes with a hot, dry iron (no steam).

TIP: To avoid any smudging, always work from the top of your design/fabric, downwards.

Thirdly, stitch the fabric to make the handbag.

TIP: Hand wash in cold water. Do not rub the paint or liners, as this tends to fade the colours.

Now, thread the beaded handle till 1m cotton is complete. Then tie two ends together with a double knot and sew handle to the inside of the bag. To create the tassels, use thread and needle to pick up required amount of beads and form a suitable pattern for your handbag.

TIP: Any twine, cord or ribbon can be used for the handle. Measure the length beforehand to ensure that it is comfortable. Beaded tassels can be replaced with any other decorative material, for example feathers.

More about Dala Fabric Paint, Puff Paint and Artliners

The Dala Fabric Paints Range is made from the highest quality pigments and binders, is environmentally friendly and can be used by children as well as professional crafters. This range's formulation is 100% water-based and free from solvents and their harmful odours.

Dala Puff Paints are available in 15 fashionable colours. These paints are ideal for all types of fabrics, whether synthetic or natural. They are completely opaque and can be used on both uncoloured and dark fabrics. Dala Puff Paints can be used on a host of other surfaces, for example tin, paper, board, wood, cement or pottery. The colour will become lighter with curing.

Dala's extra fine Fabric Artliners can provide brilliantly accurate detail, making it indispensable to all crafters. Because of its specially designed applicator nozzle, very fine and accurate work can be achieved. They are not only great for highlighting or outlining designs, but also to use on its own as a writing or drawing tool.

Dala products are available nationwide from all major arts and craft stores. For more information phone the Silverclay Creation Ltd. at 24100363

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