

Seashell Beach Bag - March 2016



Material's Required

Testors Aztek Airbrush

Testors Paint cups

Testors Aztek Airbrushable Paint - 9446 Red Opaque, 9449 Blue Opaque

3/8" Rope 48" long, cut in two pieces

2/3 Yard - Yellow and White stripe all-weather fabric

2/3 Yard - Navy all-weather fabric

19" x 3" Heavyweight fusible interfacing

3/8" Grommets

Seahorse and Shell Beads

Scotch Guard

Scotch Spray Mount

Aleene's Tacky Glue

Card stock

Craft knife

Craft stick

Small plastic container

11.50" x 6" thick cardboard

Project Steps

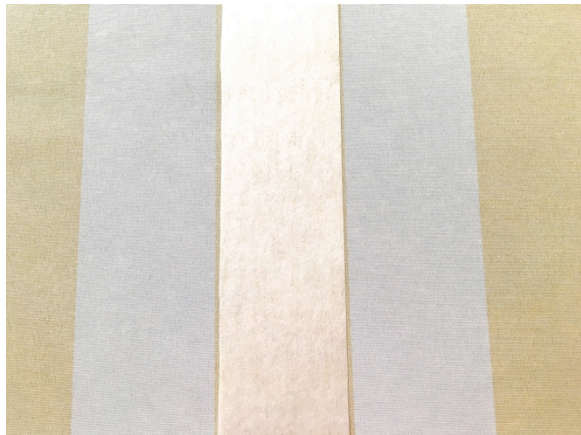
Protect areas not being painted from accidental overspray.

Allow paint to dry between coats.

1. Find seashell and fish images online by searching with the words stencils or coloring pages. Enlarge the images so they are all the same height, about 2.50". Space them equally to occupy half of the bag front. Print two copies onto card stock or stencil blanks, one a reverse of the other. Use a craft knife to cut them out. Spray the stencil backs with adhesive.



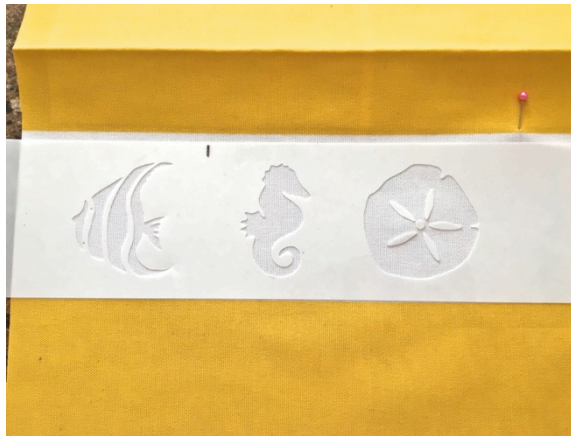
2. Cut two striped fabric pieces to measure 25.50" x 19". The stripes should be horizontal on the 25.50" length with the center of one stripe at 12.75". Iron interfacing to the wrong side of this stripe.



3. Fold the interfaced stripe in half and press. This will be the 1.50" stripe at the top edge of the bag. Do the same for the second striped fabric piece.



4. Open the folded fabric. Center your stencil between the left edge and the bag's vertical center front, on the first white stripe below the fold. Don't forget to adhere small pieces like the sand dollar details.



5. Mix blue with red paint to create a deep navy blue to match your solid fabric.



- Airbrush the stencil with the blue paint.



- Remove the stencil and move it to the right half of the bag. Center it as you did on the left side. Apply the paint.



- Position the stencil in the next white stripe below the painted one and paint it as you did for the previous one.



9. With right sides of both 25.50" long fabrics together, pin the side seams making sure the stripes match. Sew 5/8" side seams.



10. Press the seams open, avoiding contact with the painted areas.



11. Turn the wrong sides together and match the bottom edges to create a 12.50" long double layer with the painted images on the outside. Pin the side seams together. Stitch the two layers together .25" from the raw bottom edge.

12. Cut two navy blue pieces of fabric to measure 15" x 19". One will be the outer bag and one the lining. Fold each in half and sew the 5/8" side seams.



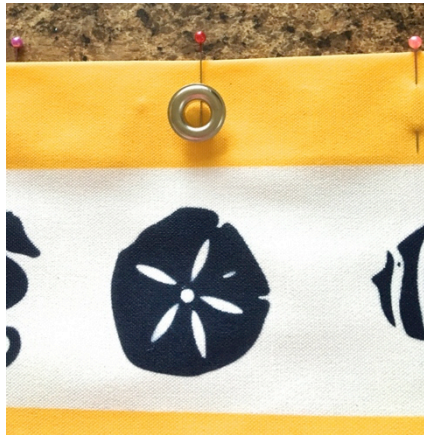
13. Create a 6" wide bottom on each blue section. Draw a line 6" across the triangle formed by the matching the side seams to the center bottom. Three inches should be to the left and right of the center seam. Stitch across the line. Do the same on the opposite side of the bag and on the lining.



14. Cut a stiff piece of cardboard to measure 11.50" x 6". Stuff it into the outer bag bottom pushing it into the corners. Place the lining inside with the wrong side facing the cardboard. Stitch the two layers together sewing .25" from the raw edges.



15. Connect the top and bottom of the bag. With right sides facing, sew the top to the bottom bag with a $5/8$ " seam. Finish the seam with a serger or zigzag stitch. Press the seam to face the bag bottom.
16. Attach grommets to the bag following package instructions. Mark placement for the grommet on the left side seam. Make another mark 3.50" from the side seam then another 2.50" away working toward the center of the bag. Repeat on the right side and on the bag back.



17. Insert the navy blue rope into the outside left and right front grommets and another rope on the back of the bag to match. Tie a knot in the rope ends. Trim the ends and apply glue to prevent fraying.



18. Spray the painted stripes with Scotch Guard.

19. Hand sew seahorse and shell beads to the top edge of the bag's blue bottom.



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