# Instructions on how to make a „Back-to-School" Gift Bag 

## Material List

Blue construction paper, 240 g , Format $70 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$ White construction paper, 240 g , Format $70 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$

Strong white cardboard, Format A4
Paper pad for drawing, extra strong, 120g, Format A3
Glue stick
Scissors
Pinking schears
String or cord
White pencil
Graphite pencil
Brush
Cutting knife
Ruler
Adhesive pads
Colourful textile tape
Satin ribbon, gift or decorative ribbon
Colourful Crepe Paper
Connector Paintbox
Connector Pens
12 Jumbo Grip Colour Pencils

## Steps

1. Download and print the letters and numbers template.

Cut the cord about 80 cm in length and make a knot at both ends. One of the knots should be made with enough room to fit a pencil. The distance in between both knots should be about 70 cm . Place the end of the string on the corner of the blue construction paper and secure it there with a needle. Put the white pencil at the other end of the cord through the loop of the knot and pull outwards until tight, so that you can draw a radius on the template. After doing this, pull the holes together and secure them.

2. Cut out the shape for the gift bag.

3. Form the paper into a cone shape and secure it with glue. Alternatively, you can buy premade cones in many colours at the store.

4. Colour in a sheet of paper from the paper pad with Connector Water Colours and let it dry. Achieve beautiful effects by slightly moistening the paper with a water mister.

5. On the back side of the template, colour in the letters and numbers needed with a pencil.

6. Place the template on strong white cardboard and re-trace the letters and numbers with a pencil.

7. Cut out the letters and numbers. They will serve as a stencil later.

8. Trace the letters and numbers needed with a pencil on the dried, previously painted paper.

9. Cut the letters and numbers out. These will be glued to gift bag later.

10. Now it is time to work on the banner. Using the string and pencil, mark a radius on the white construction paper (In the template, this area is gray).

11. Using the stencil letters and numbers, draw them overlapping onto the banner.

12. Colour in the remaining areas with Connector Pens.

13. Cut the banner to fit the length of the cone.

14. Distribute 12 Jumbo Grip Colour Pencils on the banner. Using a graphite pencil, mark a short line in between each.

15. With a cutting knife and a ruler, cut over each line that you made with the graphite pencil. The length of the cuts should follow the length of the decorative ribbon which will be pulled through.

16. Now, pull the ribbon in and out through the openings you cut, leaving extra space to make loops to attach the pencils. Tie the ends of the ribbon into a bow.

17. Insert a pencil through each loop and tighten carefully. In order to make sure the pencils stay put, place a small dab of glue under the stylus and press onto the paper.

18. Place the finished banner on the white construction paper 1 cm from the contour.

19. Cut out with pinking shears.

20. Take the cut out and glue it to the reverse side.

21. Glue to the school gift bag.

22. Below the white banner, glue the colourful numbers and letters.

23. Attach the crepe paper with textile tape at the top.

24. Finally, stick the banner with pencils onto the white strips.


