

Bag House

Turn a boring lunch bag into a personalized suburban house. This self-standing 3-D bag house is a functional collage-sculpture. Using basic shapes and patterns, a simple lunch bag can be transformed into a dream palace, or a famous city landmark. Your child will look forward to their lunch when they have the coolest bag house on the block!

What You Need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Stapler
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Double-sided tape

What You Do:

1. Have your child decide what type of house he wants to make and where it will be located.
2. Have him cut out the base piece of construction paper, which should be a shape that is larger than the base of the lunch bag.
3. Now he can design the base for the bag. We added a road, a tree and shrubs to ours. Have him glue all the pieces in place using the glue stick.
4. Place your meal inside the brown paper bag and fold the excess brown paper forward to create a flap. Staple the flap in place.
5. Encourage your child to cut out basic shapes of rectangles for the roof, chimney and door, and squares for the windows. Have him glue them in place.
6. He can now attach double-stick tape to the bottom of the bag and adhere the bag to the base to complete his bag house.

Helpful Tips:

- To get trees or shrubs to stand, fold about a quarter inch of their bottom edges over and either staple or glue them to the base.
- For a longer-lasting sculpture, fill the paper bag with crumpled newspaper instead of food.
- Don't forget to refrigerate your finished bag house if it includes perishable foods.

