

CRAFT | Belonging Backpacks

Bombershay Crews



Objective

- To explore how identity and belonging can be expressed through prop design
- To understand that people belong in different spaces and groups - and that all have value
- To build a prop that supports storytelling and character work on stage

SUPPLIES

- Backpacks
- Acrylic markers
- Paint Pens
- Fabric patches
- Felt pieces
- String / yarn
- Keychain rings or clips
- Beads (for DIY keychains)
- Gems
- Hot glue (for attaching patches)
- Fabric Glue
- Scissors

PRE-MADE

- Sample backpack designs representing different “groups” (jock, theatre, artsy, etc.)
- Pre-cut felt patches

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose Your “Group” or Style

Based on your character in the scene, decide what kind of character or group your backpack represents. Examples:

- Academic
- Mixed / unique
- Sporty
- Artsy
- Dramatic

2. Create and Attach Patches

Use fabric pieces and felt to create patch shapes. Decorate with markers and designs. Attach using fabric and hot glue.

3. Add Words and Symbols

Using fabric markers and paint, write words that represent your group or personality.

Examples:

- Team
- Drama
- Cheer
- Belong
- Create
- Lead

Add symbols like:

- Stars
- sports icons
- music notes
- abstract designs

4. Build DIY Keychains

Cut a piece of string or yarn. Add beads (create words with letter beads). Attach to a keychain ring or clip. Secure to your backpack.

5. Add Texture and Layers

Tie extra strings or ribbons onto zippers . Add gems or small details. Layer materials to create a fuller look, anything to give it personality specific to your character.

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