

Bernie's Explorer Vest

Get ready for your next adventure!

Kitted out with your own explorer vest, you are always well-equipped. You can even hide small secret items that you need for your adventure in its pockets!

What you need:

- Pair of scissors
- 2 brown paper bags (Size approx. 32 x 12 x 42 cm)
- Pencil
- Black felt tip
- Ruler
- Adhesive tape
- Liquid glue
- Our template for the badges
- Buttons



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What you have to do:

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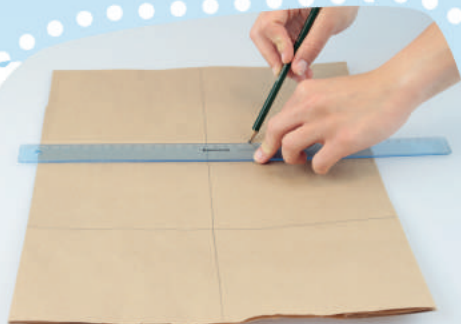


Cut the handles of one of the paper bags off. Turn the bag upside down so that the opening faces downwards and place it flat on the table with the base folded back.

Ask your parents to help you draw the areas that have to be cut out (with a pencil). First of all your parents have to draw a vertical line on the front side of the bag, which divides the bag into two identical halves.

2.

Then, they have to draw two horizontal lines that divide the bag into three equal horizontal parts (each 14 cm in width).



3.



Then your parents have to draw a V-cut on the bag. The tip of the V ends where the upper horizontal line and the vertical line meet (approx. 15 cm underneath the upper edge of the bag). The ends of the V are both 7 cm away from the upper left and upper right corners of the bag.

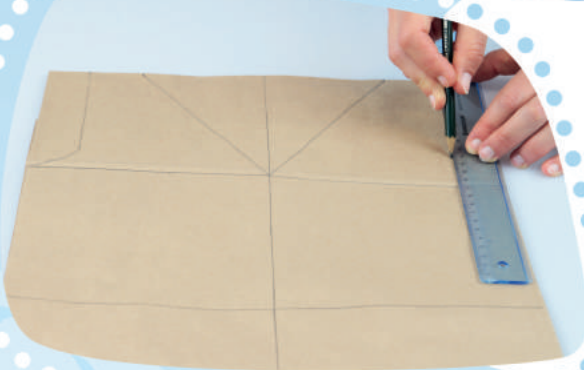
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Now fold the base of the bag upwards. Join the two ends of the V together to form a semi-circle on the base of the bag. Take a look at the picture, to see how this is done.



5.

The marking for the shoulders and the arms have to be sketched in on the upper left and upper right corners of the bag: Around 3 cm from the edge a vertical line is drawn downwards. This line rounds off at the height of the first horizontal to the edge of the bag.



6.

Now you can cut off the front side of the paper bag alongside the long vertical line.

Be careful: The back side of the paper bag should be left untouched.



7.



Cut the neck out along the V lines on the front side.

8.

Carry on cutting along the semi-circle on the base of the bag.



9.



Then cut out along the lines for the opening for the arms. Here both the front side and the back sides of the bag are cut out. If you open the bag up now, a piece of paper sticks out on the opening of the arms at armpit height. You can simply fold this inwards or cut it off.

10.

Your explorer vest now needs pockets. Cut two square pieces of paper out of the second bag (12 x 12 cm). Place the square on the table like a diamond and fold the lower tip onto the upper tip.

Fold the paper out again and fold the right tip onto the left tip. Fold the paper out again. Now you have a cross in the middle of the square.



11.



Fold the upper side so that the tip lies around 1 cm above the cross. Then fold the left side to the right so that the folded bottom side and the folded left side overlap. Then fold the right side in the same way to the left.

12.



Affix the overlaps of the right and the left side with the bottom side using adhesive tape. Fold the upper side downwards.

13.

Paste the back side of the pocket with glue and attach it to the bottom third of the vest. If you like you can paint or stick a button onto the pocket.



14.

You can now continue decorating your explorer vest. Cut out the badges from our template and stick one or more of them onto your vest.



15.

What about a row of buttons? Stick several buttons across the left side of the opening of the vest (Caution: From where you are looking it is the right-hand side!).

Draw a short stroke on the opposite side for the buttonhole. Then rub out the pencil lines.



Tip:

If you don't have any real buttons, you can draw the buttons using felt tips.

Your explorer vest is now ready and you can set off on your adventure!



