

Backpack Tags

Kids love backpack tags, and they'll love showing off their own personalized designs.

Supplies

- Shrinkable plastic craft medium (such as Shrinky Dinks)
- Scissors
- Markers, colored pencils, and rubber stamps
- Other embellishments
- Hole punch
- Key ring or lanyard hook



Instructions

1. Prepare plastic according to package directions (some brands require sanding before decorating).
2. Cut out a shape you like, such as a tag, an apple, a star, or a circle. Remember that the piece is going to get about one-third smaller in the oven, so keep your piece bigger than you'd want it to turn out.
3. Have the child write his or her name on the tag, or write it for them if you have very small children.
4. Let your child to decorate the tag with markers, colored pencils, rubber stamps, stick-on jewels, and other fun embellishments.
5. Use a hole punch to make a hole in one end of the tag. The hole will shrink too, so make it bigger than you have in mind.
6. Bake the tag according to package directions.
7. Use a key ring or lanyard hook to attach the tag to a zipper pull or the fabric hook on the backpack.

You can also tie these tags onto zipper pulls using ribbon or string, or consider sewing them directly onto the backpack using a needle and thread through the prepared hole in the tag.