ARTMAKING PROJECT | Bojagi!

Generations of Korean artists have made patchwork cloths called bojagi (say: boh-jah-ghee). Traditionally, they created these cloths from scraps of fabric found in the home, carefully sewing them together by hand.

Bojagi could be used to cover food, wrap gifts or precious items, or carry everyday things. Contemporary artists are reengaging with this tradition, investing bojagi with new meanings, such as this silk version with a tail from artist Kumjoo Ahn.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What will you use your bojagi for?
What design will you create to make it uniquely your own?
What other objects around the house can be re-used to create art?

MATERIALS

- Fabric square, approximately 12" x 12" (an old handkerchief, or a square cut from a shirt or sheet can work)
- Fabric scraps of various sizes and colors
- Glue or other ways to attach, such as an iron-on adhesive tape, or needle and thread.
- Scissors
- String
- Or, design your bojagi using cut paper, or draw it out with markers on fabric.
ARTMAKING PROJECT | Directions

Step 1
Gather supplies. You’ll need one base piece of fabric, a variety of smaller scraps, and a way to attach them.

Step 2
Cut your smaller pieces into various shapes and strips. They can all be similar squares and rectangles, or a mix of different shapes.

Step 3
Lay out your pieces to create your design, try out different arrangements, or overlapping pieces.

Step 4
Attach your pieces! Use strong glue, an iron-on adhesive, or with adult supervision, hand-sew with a needle and thread.

Step 5
Use your Bojagi! Wrap it around something special you own or around a gift for someone else, and tie it shut with a string or ribbon. This unique wrapping cloth can be re-used over and over!

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