

Flag Wind Sock Instructions

Ages 4-6

Materials Needed:

- 1" Key ring
- 3—1" x 36" to 45" strips of blue cotton/polyester fabric
- 3—1" x 36" to 45" strips of white cotton/polyester fabric
- 2—1" x 36" to 45" strips of red cotton/polyester fabric
- Hook for hanging the wind sock

Instructions:

1. Because cotton/polyester fabric will tear across the width of the fabric in a straight line, it is unnecessary to cut the fabric.
2. Sometimes, the cut edge from the store will not be straight. Make a small cut on the selvedge edge. Begin tearing a straight edge, making sure this first tear goes all the way across the width of the fabric.
3. Continue making a small cut and tearing fabric into 1" x 36" strips. If the width of fabric is other than 36", the strip will only be that length.
4. Clean up the excess threads caused by tearing the fabric.
5. There will be 8 strips hanging down on the ring.
6. The three blue strips will go on first. Then one white, one red, one white, one red, one white.
7. Fold the fabric strip in half.
8. Loop the fold dividing the strip in half across the ring. Maintain a grip on this fold and stick both ends of the strip through the loop keeping the ring inside the looped fabric ends.
9. Pull the fabric ends to tighten the loop around the ring. This is called a larks head knot.
10. Continue to attach fabric strips with larks head knots, following the design.
11. You may cut one more loop and use it to hang the flag wind sock, or simply hook the key ring onto a hook hanging from the porch.

Project Expanded into Additional Subjects:

1. Science: Talk about the wind and weather patterns
2. Science: Point out how leaves, feathers, etc. are blown by the wind.
3. Geography: Study the map of the United States in conjunction with the weather fronts
4. Performance: Play TV weather person for each day's weather
5. Math: Design/pattern of colored fabrics, 1,1,1; 1,2,1; 3,2,1; etc
6. Math: Fractions folding the strips in half
7. Holidays: Use various types of material to depict specific holiday, i.e. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Fourth of July, Veteran's Day, Christmas
8. Art: Color combinations
9. Art: Working with textiles
10. Literature: Stories related to wind, weather, holidays, design.
11. Music: Wind instruments