

# BANDANA beauties

From head to toe, bandanas are the way to go!



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## ^ BY A HAIR

Bandanas are the perfect size for small sewing projects—like scrunchies! Cut a rectangle (18" x 4") and sew the long sides together. Turn it right-side out, insert an eight-inch piece of elastic and knot the ends, and sew closed.

*Tip: Add some oomph by tying on embroidered tails.*

## HEADS UP! >

Here's how to turn a bandana into a headband: Sew two rectangular pieces (cut to size) together. Then sew the long sides of another rectangular piece together, turn, and insert elastic. Scrunch the fabric around the elastic, and sew it closed at both ends. To finish, stitch the first piece to the stretchy piece, and voila!





## SHADES OF BEAUTY

You just need bandanas and steel rings for these no-sew lanterns! Place double-sided tape onto two steel rings and wrap the edges of a bandana around them, forming a cylinder. Adhere trim to the bottom, and string cording through the lantern for hanging.



## SWEET SPOT

A few bandanas, fleece batting and bias tape is all it takes to create these baskets. Follow Simplicity 8859 (option A) to whip up your own! P.S. There's more to bandanas than just paisley prints. Find unique styles and designs in *Wearable Art!*



## IN THE BAG

Paisley bandanas paired with deerskin lace and wood beads give these trendy drawstring bags a classic western feel. The bags are made from two bandanas (stitched together, with interfacing in the middle) with a casing for the lace sewn around the top edge.

*Tip: To add pockets, stitch a circle cut-out inside the center of the bag, leaving openings (ours has eight!) around the edge.*





## ^ BAG IT!

Create a quilt-inspired tote bag from patterned bandanas! Cut them into eight squares, stitch together four for each side, and add batting and a lining (also made from bandanas!). Then stitch the sides together along three edges, and finish with leather straps.

## v NAME GAME

You can make these bandana-wrapped letters in an afternoon! Trace paper-mache letters onto bandanas, adding an extra half-inch all around so there's enough fabric to wrap the sides. Then cut them out and adhere them to the letters.

*Tip: Tie bandana strips to cotton cording for an easy DIY garland.*



*On the Cover:* Follow Simplicity 9617 (for the hat) and 1451 (for the shorts) to create this flamingo duo out of bandanas and cotton fringe! Shoes: Iron on flamingo cut-outs with no-sew adhesive.



## CHASING RAINBOWS

**Shirt:** Sew a rainbow bandana cut-out onto a readymade shirt and add trim to the sleeves.

**Skirt:** Follow Simplicity 1786 (option C) and add matching trim.

**Shoes:** Attach rainbow cut-outs with iron-on adhesive.

**Tip:** Leftover bandana fabric? Try DIYing a scrunchie!



## ^ DOG DAYS

Show some puppy love to your canine companion with a DIY over-the-collar bandana. Cut two bandanas to fit your dog's neck, sew them together (leaving openings at the top of each side), and turn them right-side out. Then feed a collar through the openings.

< Iron-on letters and appliques are a super-simple way to personalize bandanas!