

CRAFT IDEAS

Decorate Your Denim Backpack

(NAPSA)—Taking a front seat in creativity are backpacks decorated by students.



Students who create a one-of-a-kind denim backpack get high marks in creativity.

A growing number of young crafters are transforming their plain denim backpacks into original works of art. In addition to being a fun project and a school motivator, it's become a great way for students to express their individuality. All you need is a denim backpack, child size, some fluorescent acrylic paint in pink, orange, yellow, electric blue, green, or red, a scrubber paintbrush, fine line paint tip and an air soluble marker.

Young students can use the air-soluble marker to draw shapes and pictures—such as the sun, flowers, swirls and hearts—onto the front pocket of the backpack. For a border, draw wiggles and stars around the sides and top of the backpack. You can even draw your child's initials on the upper front center.

Use white to basecoat all shapes, and then paint on the fluorescent in the shapes you like. "This is a great project to get kids in the back-to-school mode," stated Susan Brandt, assistant executive director/director of communications for HIA (Hobby Industry Association). "Not only is crafting a wonderful outlet for kids to express themselves but it also builds confidence and self-esteem.

The project was created by *Crafts 'n Things* magazine. More information is available on their web site at www.craftideas.com.