



## Coyote Gourd Boo Bags Tutorial by Niki Escobedo

### Supply List:

- Small Coyote Gourd
- 8 inch pie tin or paper plate
- Holiday themed fabric (with just a few changes they can become Santa's, Leprechauns, elves or bunnies)
- Black and orange felt
- Needle and thread
- Orange Leather dye
- Sharpie pen
- Scissors
- Glue gun or fabric glue
- Small pebbles (I usually get mine when I visit the beach in Cambria, CA just the right size and weight)

1. Clean and dry your coyote gourd.
2. Dye your gourd.
3. Cut themed fabric into 8 inch circles, using your pie tin or paper plate as a guide.
4. Using needle and thread about 1/4 inch from the outer edge of the fabric start a gathering stitch continue around the circle, next start pulling the thread in one direction while holding the other end of the thread until you have gathered it into a round sack leaving a small opening to use as a fill hole. Do not cut the thread yet
5. Add the pebbles through the opening; continue to gather until the opening is closed then secure with a knot and trim.
6. Next return to your coyote gourd using a Sharpie, add your face design, let this dry completely before sealing.
7. Felt arms, legs and collar —cut black felt into two 3/4 inch wide strips, four inches long for the arms, eight inches long for the legs and for the collar you will need 3/4 inch wide strips of orange and black long enough to go around the neck, cut the fringe by cutting into it stopping about a 1/4 inch from the outer edge.
8. Assembly of felt arms, legs and collar—Position the legs on the bottom of the bag, secure in place with hot glue. Next position the arms on the top of the bag, secure in place with hot glue.
9. Adding gourd head —Position the head on the top of your bag, be sure the face is facing the correct direction glue in place.
10. Hands and feet are made by tying a knot in the felt about 1 inch in from the end of the arm and leg.
11. Adding the collar—Using the glue gun make a ring of glue around the base where the gourd head and fabric bag meet. Fan the collar around the base on top of the glue. Repeat if using two colors.

