



CD-Evening Bag

Included:

- CD drilling template
- Adhesive backed design pattern
- Liner template
- Color chain for shoulder strap
- Dozen charms you selected
- Wire

Tools and materials you will need:

Several old CD's
 Needle nose pliers
 Drilling tool (dremel-type) and 1/16" drill bit
 wire cutters
 Heavy-bladed utility knife
 Clear polyurethane (brush-on)
 Colored nail polish or enamel paint

Stamps, stickers, fabric, embellishments
 Metal edged ruler
 Clear-drying filler-type glue (like E6000, goop)
 Card stock for the liner
 Wood shapes to cover the holes
 Metal or wood spacer beads (about 18) to hold CD together.

Drill and cut your CD's:

Carefully cut the included drilling pattern so that you can tape it in place over top of your CD. (You can drill both CDs at the same time but be sure to place a thick sheet of paper between them so that no melting takes place between the CDs. Be sure that both are placed printed side towards the center.

Drill your holes according to the template. Mark on the inside and outside of the CD where the top will be cut off. Take your tape off and make sure all holes are clean. Then, holding a ruler tightly against both marked edges, score the CDs deeply, 5 or 6 times, (do one at a time). Turning the CD over and scoring in EXACTLY the same place will help. Gently start bending the "top" along the scored line and work it loose from the rest of the body. Do the same for the other CD. HINT: Some CDs are made of a different polycarbonate mix, so you might want to experiment with different CDs.

Prepare your CD and add "top holder" Surface:



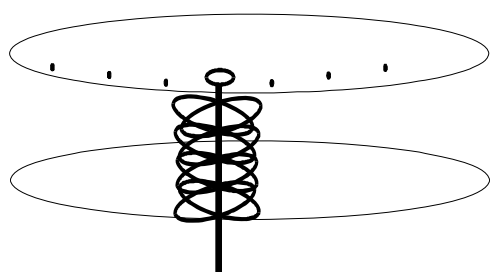
Get 4 wood shapes (or poker chips, or heavy card stock.. and decorate to complement your final design, give them a coat of paint and edge the sides with a marker . Keep in mind that the chain "handle" can be threaded through a hole in these pieces if you choose, so plan your handle placement first. You can also glue ribbon to both top and bottom to keep the lid tightly on.

Using scrap paper, trace your CDs and plan your surface layout. Make sure your “lid” is included in the plan so the design looks complete when assembled. You’ll be covering the unprinted side of the disks. You can cut the design paper with decorative edge trimmers and cover the rest of the surface with paint, stamps, sequins, fabric, just about anything goes here. After painting and covering your CDs, let dry for a few hours. A finish coat of clear polyurethane will protect it. After dry, glue one wood piece on the inside of the center hole of each CD (with top off), You will be making a “sandwich” (one inside, the other outside) of these pieces which will hold your “top” in place when it is fully assembled. Let the glue set up for at least 4 hours. (if you care to line your bag, this is the time to add shelf paper or fabric to the unpainted side of the CDs.)



Assemble your bag with wired bead spacers:

For every pair of holes, measure out the length of 20 gauge wire you will need for each “spacer” plus an extra 1/2 inch to create loop. Make a small loop at one end, thread it through the hole from the painted side of one CD, (start with what will be the bottom and work your way towards the “top” to ensure even depth) add the beads as “spacers” then



thread it through the matching CD (painted side out). Trim the wire, leaving enough for another loop to tighten the two halves together. . The beads included in this kit give you 2 12mm beads and a “center” bead to hold both sides in place. You may want to make your bag wider, in that case, add more beads to each side until you get the width you want. Do the same for the lid.

You now have a bag with loops on both sides for hanging your charms. To finish the bag interior you have several options. A simple measure and cut of the included craft foam so it fits tightly between the CDs is the easiest. However, if you are ambitious, you can make a fabric liner using the CD template and card stock or fabric that is completely separate from the CDs. Glue it in place and you’re done. The spacer beads are decorative and finding fabric, ribbon or card to complement the design should be easy. Now attach your black silk cord to one of the loops, use the center wood pieces as you planned.



To create a true “beaded bag” look, add the charms to the wire loops, or, using headpins make beaded dangles ending in charms. Last, glue the decorated second wood piece on the outside, making sure



there is enough room for the top wedge to slide into place. The pieces should hold the lid firmly in place. If you feel the need for a stronger closure, you can add some chain and a hook that secures to the bottom loop. Some alternative designs include buttons or tile glued on to the “lid holder” as an embellishment. Anything goes!!

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