

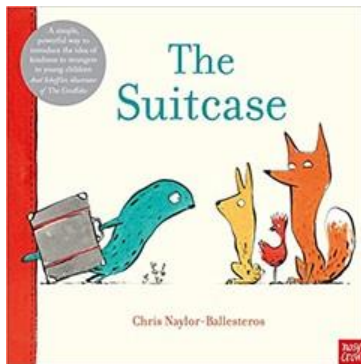
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**THURSDAYS**  
...at home!

Time: 20-30 minutes

Messiness: low

Adult involvement: moderate

## Embossed Suitcase!



**Description:** young artists read about kindness to a traveling stranger, then make their own embossed suitcase and “pack” for their trip!

**Story:** “The Suitcase” written and illustrated by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros (HMH Books; 2019)

### Let’s talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- The person in this photograph is going on a trip.
  - What should they bring with them if they are going somewhere hot?
  - What should they pack for cold weather?
  - What do you think is in the box the person is holding?
- How will this person get to their destination? What type of transportation?
  - What makes you say that?
- Do you think the person is glad to be traveling?
  - What is your favorite trip you have taken? How did you get there?



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## Materials Needed

- 1) crayons with paper labels removed
- 2) scissors
- 3) glue stick
- 4) one: 8"x10" color cardstock
- 5) one-two: color or copy paper
- 6) miscellaneous items with texture for rubbings
- 7) **optional:** newspaper ads or magazine

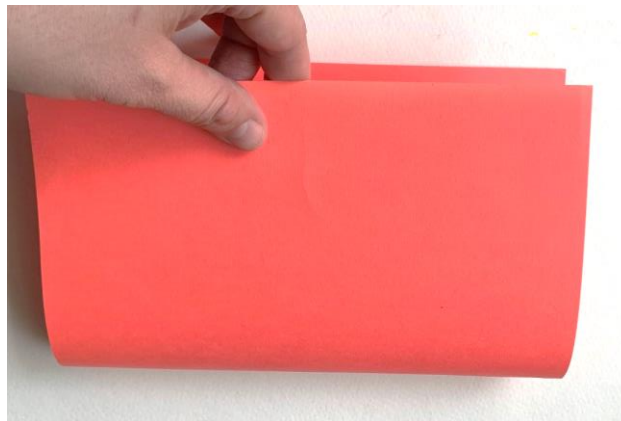


## Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
  - a) cutting
  - b) gluing
  - c) embossing
- 2) Language Development
  - a) expressive: speaking
  - b) receptive: listening
  - c) discussing
- 3) 21<sup>st</sup>-Century
  - a) critical thinking
  - b) creativity

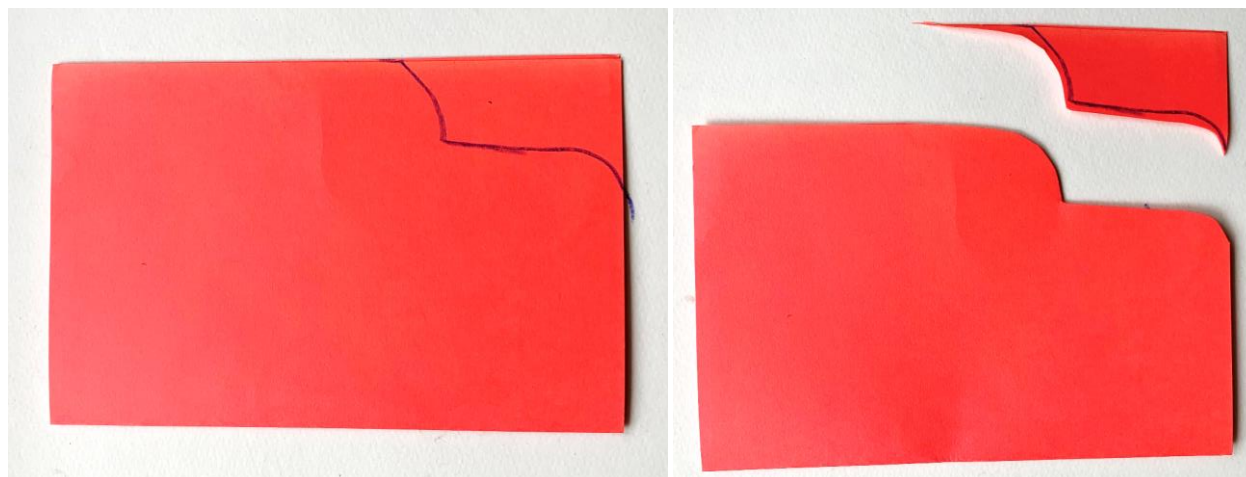
## Project Instructions

- 1) Fold cardstock in half widthwise (hamburger fold), and press flat.



- 2) To make the handle for the suitcase: draw a curved line in one of the top corners, opposite the folded edge. Cut just inside that line.

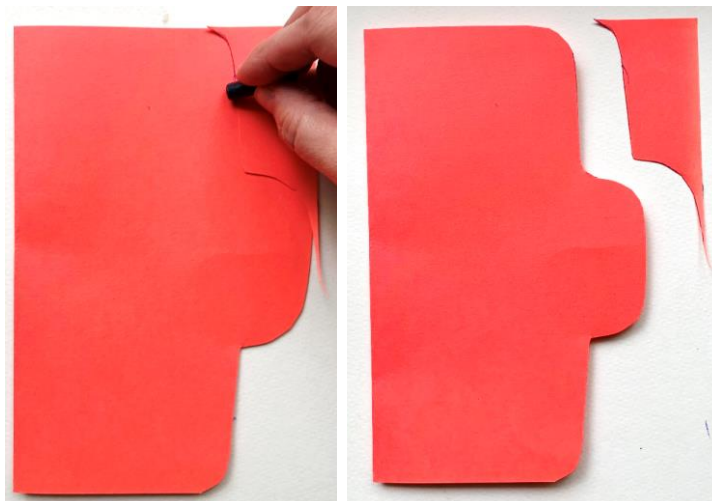
**Helpful hint:** cut out larger area first, then go back and cut closer to the inside of the line.



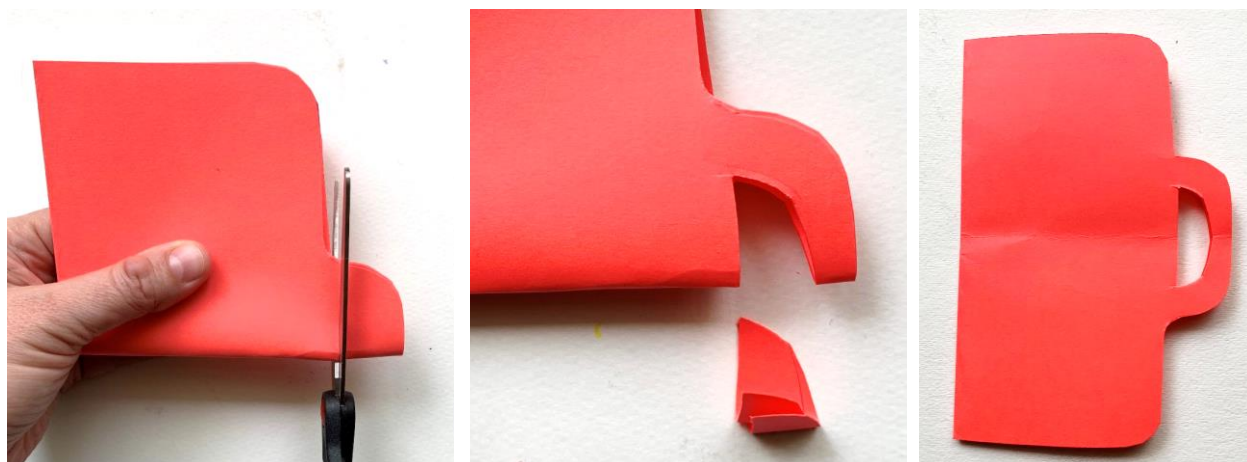
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- 3) Take the small piece you have just cut away, flip over and use to trace the shape onto the remaining corner, (this will be the other side of the suitcase's handle.) Cut just inside the line.

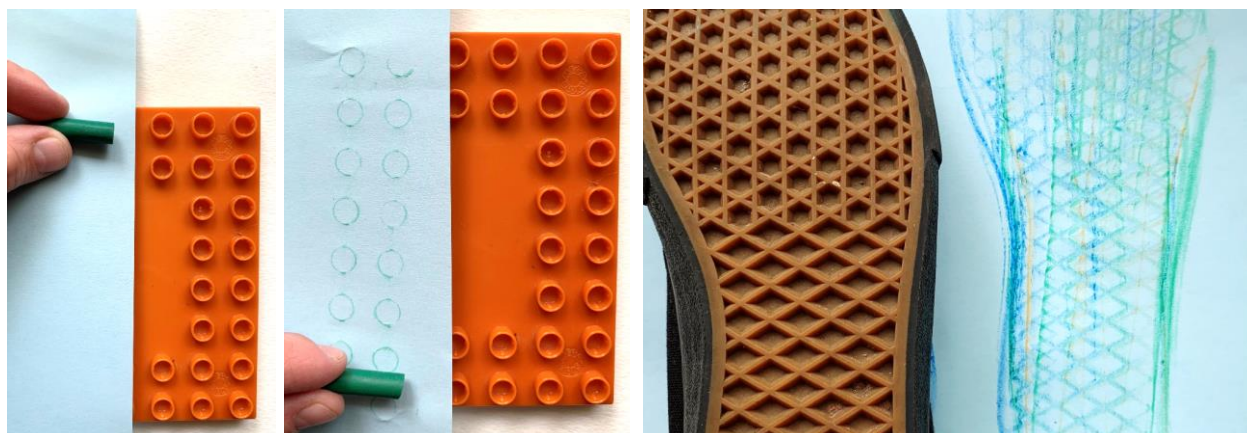
**Helpful hint:** ask a caregiver for help cutting if needed.



- 4) To finish the handle, fold the suitcase in half widthwise, (hamburger fold), and cut or tear a small slit. Make another cut or tear to remove center piece. Unfold suitcase and set aside.



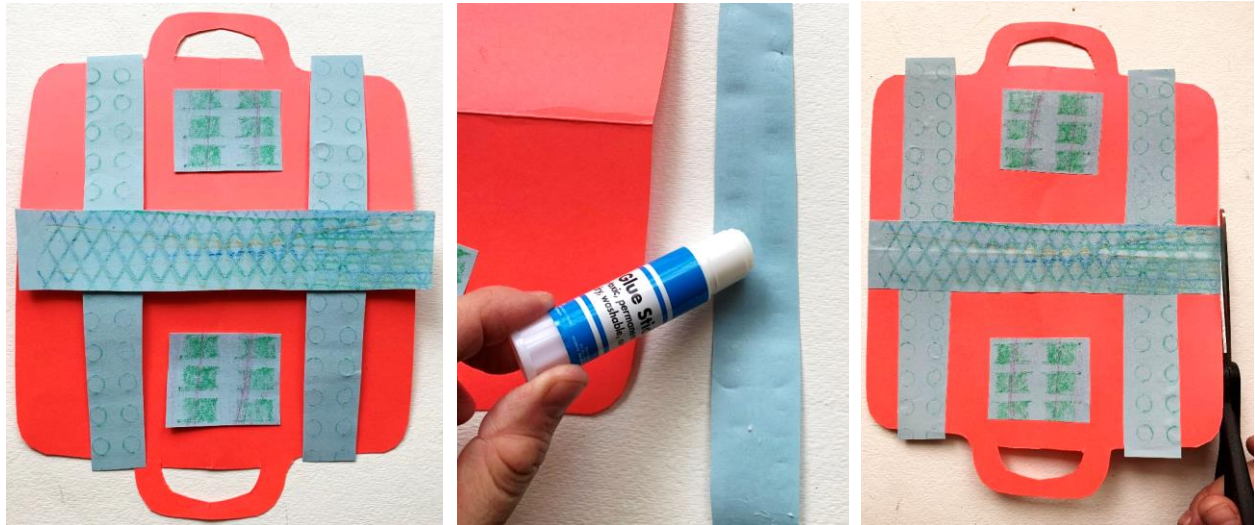
- 5) Lay copy paper over a textured surface like LEGO®s or the bottom of a clean shoe. Lay a crayon sideways and then rub it into the paper. See how many different patterns you can make with this embossing technique!



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- 6) Cut the embossed patterns into details to decorate suitcase. Glue the patterned pieces down and trim anything that hangs over the edges off the suitcase with scissors. Set aside.



- 7) Decide what you will pack in your suitcase. Find pictures from magazines or newspaper ads to cut and add.

**Helpful hint:** cut around the larger area first. Then make detailed, closer cuts if desired.

**Helpful hint:** no magazine? Draw what you'd like to pack inside suitcase!



- 8) Glue down images.



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9) Don't forget to put your name on your luggage, and share your travel plans with a friend!



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