



colorful chain-link clutch

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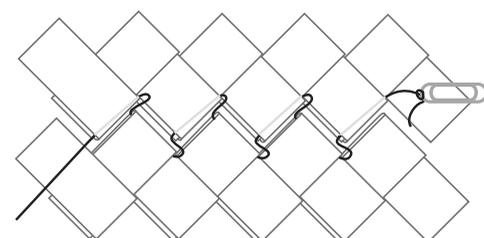
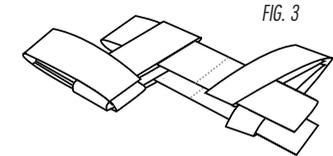
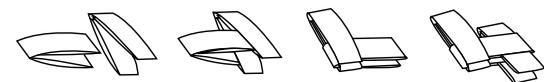
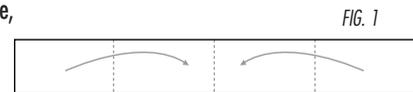
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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Duck® brand duct tape: pink, red, orange, green, yellow, purple, teal, aqua
- Paper clip
- Thin ribbon or durable, thick embroidery floss
- Scissors
- Tape measure or rule

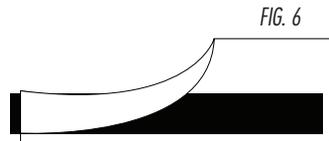
DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut 8½" length of Duck® tape. Fold in half length-wise, sticky side together, to 8½"x1". Make 112 strips.
2. Making a link: fold one strip in half & crease. Open the fold. Fold each end towards the middle crease. Fold in half again (FIG.1). Repeat.
3. To join the links, insert the ends of one link in the folds of the other link (FIG. 2).
4. Continue making the links and joining them to the previous link until 27 links are joined.
5. To join the ends of the chain, make one more link before threading the ends in. Unfold them before threading through the other link (FIG. 3).
6. Fold down one flap & tuck it into the fold of the link you thread it through (FIG. 4). Repeat with the other flap to complete the 28-link ring. Make five rings in total. For a taller bag, add more rings; for a wide bag add more links to each ring.
7. Attaching the rings: Tie a piece of embroidery floss or ribbon to a paper clip. Thread the paper clip through the loop of one of the links on the ring.
8. Stack one ring on top of the threaded ring and thread the paper clip through the adjoining link on the new ring.
9. Zigzag stitching between the rings & links, weave the 2 rings together (FIG. 5).

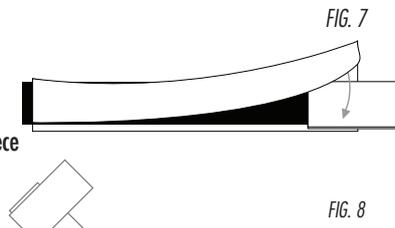


10. Tie the 2 ends together tightly. Leave a 1½" tail after the knot & cut off the excess. Weave the excess into the links. Continue until all rings are sewn together.

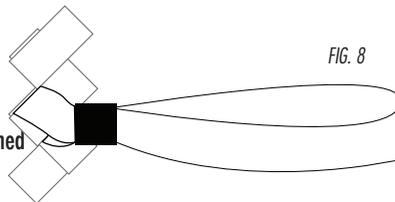
11. Squeeze the bottom together; on one end fold in the corner. Thread the paper clip through the corner link; zigzag stitch down to the end, pulling the sides together. Zigzag stitch back down to the other end & knot the two end pieces together. Cut off the excess; leaving a 1½" tail. Weave the tail back into the links.



12. To craft the strap, cut a 19" length of tape. Fold in half length-wise with the sticky side together. Cut another 19" length; fold in half lengthwise, with the previous piece in the middle, for double thickness and more durability. Leave 2" at the end not folded in half (FIG. 6).



13. To attach the strap, weave the finished end through a corner link. Place 1" of the finished end into the unfinished end & fold the sticky side to complete the ring (FIG. 7).



14. Add a small piece of tape around the strap where it meets the link to keep the strap from moving and retain its shape (FIG. 8).



Skill Level 2: Some experience necessary

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