# QUICK CRAFT Candy Box Purses

Some teenage friends of mine were suffering from the purse tyranny of their middle school when we came across these Japanese candy boxes. A glue gun and some fake fur later, we had made these clever recycled purses.

You will need: Japanese candy box, butter knife, clear contact paper or access to a laminating machine, scissors, pencil, hot glue gun, hot glue, Velcro closure, decorative trim, and fake fur (or other material) for lining and strap



#### 1. Deconstruct.

Carefully open the package using the butter knife to keep the flaps from tearing. Lay the package flat and press the design side onto clear contact paper. Trim. For a more durable purse, have it professionally laminated. Kinko's charges \$3 per square foot.



## 2. Add lining.

Fold the flaps up and trace the center shape onto the lining. Cut the lining to cover the center, and glue down on the inside.



### 3. Attach handle.

Attach the handle to the ugly side of the cardboard.



#### 4. Reconstruct.

Reconstruct the box and re-glue on the original seams. Attach Velcro closure and trim.



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