



# GOD'S MESSENGER


When we're discouraged, Jesus encourages us. We can encourage our friends, too. Use this messenger bag to carry encouraging notes to friends in need (Matthew 11:3-5).

## YOU WILL NEED:

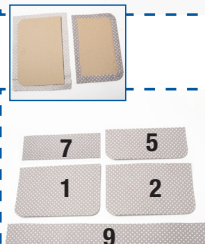
- Fabric from Old Jeans
- 2 Buttons
- Thin Fabric
- Pliers
- Twine
- White Paint Marker
- Tacky Glue
- Poster Board
- Ruler
- Scissors
- 4 Big Paper Clips
- Brush for Glue
- Hot Glue Gun
- Pencil
- Awl



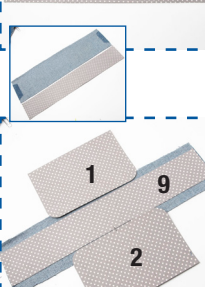
## DIRECTIONS:



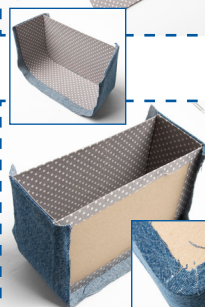
**1.** Using the template\*, cut the following out of poster board: 4 pieces 5½" x 8½" (1-4); 2 pieces 3½" x 8½" (5-6); 2 pieces 3" x 8½" (7-8); 1 piece 3" x 18¾" (9).




**2.** Cut pieces 1, 2, 5, 7, and 9 out of thin fabric, adding a 1" seam allowance all the way around. Glue them to the matching pieces of poster board. Turn over and glue the extra fabric to the inside, trimming corners and clipping curves.



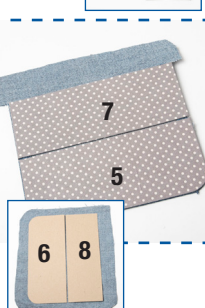
**3.** Cut out part 9 from jean fabric, adding a 1" seam allowance. Fold up 1" on the short ends and glue. Trim the corners. Place part 9 fabric side up on the inside of the jean fabric.



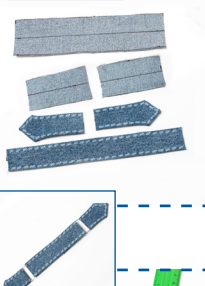
**4.** Hot glue parts 1 and 2 to part 9. Cut out notches in the corners of the fabric. Glue the extra fabric to parts 1 & 2.




**5.** Cut out parts 3 & 4 from jean fabric, adding a 1" seam allowance all around. Glue to corresponding poster board pieces. Flip over and trim the corners. Glue extra fabric to the inside.




**6.** Cut out a 10" x 11½" piece of jean fabric. Glue part 6 to the inside of denim piece, round corners up, 1" below the edge of the fabric. Glue part 8 below part 6 with ⅛" between. Flip over. Fold and glue the excess, leaving the other long end unglued. Glue (5, 7) on top of (6, 8).




**7.** From jean fabric cut two 3" x 2" pieces and one 2" x 8" piece. Take the longer piece and fold along the long edges, turning the fabric so it meets in the middle. Glue. On the small pieces, turn and glue the corners on one end and then glue the long edges. Draw white "stitches" around the edge with white marker.




**8.** Unfold a large paper clip. Bend it to make a 1" x ½" rectangle. Make 4 in total. From the three parts in step #7 and two wire rectangles, make a handle.




**9.** From jean fabric cut out two 6" x 1" strips. Fold the long edges to the middle and glue. Form 2 loops from the strips and glue them and the handle to the bag lid. Add decorative stitches.



**10.** Put the lid on the back side of the bag and glue. Trim off excess fabric. Glue part 4 to the back.



**11.** Tie and knot string to the buttons. Puncture two holes in the front of the bag with an awl. Work the ends of the string through the holes to the inside of the bag. Glue small pieces of fabric over the string ends on the inside of the bag.



**12.** From jean fabric cut two 3" x 2" pieces and one 2" x 30" piece. Repeat steps 7 & 8 to make a strap. Glue the strap to the bag. Put evangelistic materials in your messenger bag, and you're ready to spread the Gospel!

\* Template

 Adult assistance is suggested.

(1-4)  
5½" x 8½"

**7-8**  
**3" x 8½"**

**5-6**  
**3½" x 8½"**