

Windsocks

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Fly a red, white and blue windsock for Fourth of July. Make a little ghost for October. Adapt the instructions for this 1-inch scale project for other holidays, too!

Windsocks - General Directions

What You'll Need:

- Fabric
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Thread
- Needle (ghost)
- Ruler
- Tape
- $\frac{3}{8}$ " dowel
- Wax paper

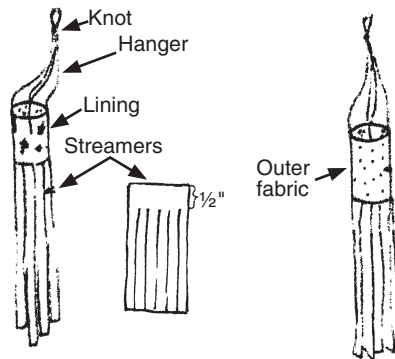
1. Cover dowel with wax paper to prevent windsock from gluing itself to dowel. Tape in place.

2. For lining, wrap and glue $\frac{7}{8}$ "-wide piece of fabric, wrong side out, around dowel. Cut off excess. Do not remove from dowel until windsock is completed.

3. From another piece of 4" x $\frac{7}{8}$ " fabric, cut streamers $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide to within $\frac{1}{2}$ " of top of fabric. Glue uncut $\frac{1}{2}$ " of fabric to lining, having streamers start at bottom edge of lining.

4. Fold 12" piece of thread in half, then in half again. Tie an overhand knot in loop end to form loop for hanging. Cut threads evenly at opposite end. Glue threads to top of lining, with strings equidistant apart and of equal length so that windsock hangs evenly.

5. Run beads of glue around top and bottom edges of lining. Attach outer $\frac{7}{8}$ "-wide piece of fabric to lining, right side out. Overlap at back and trim excess.



Patriotic Windsock

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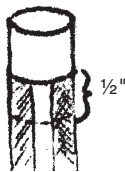
- Materials listed in General Directions
- Navy blue and white fabric (strips, dots, plaid, tiny stars, etc.) cut in $\frac{7}{8}$ "-wide strip
- Red, white and blue ribbons, each $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide

1. Follow General Directions, Steps 1 and 2.

2. Cut ribbons $3\frac{1}{2}$ " long, two or three of each color.

3. Glue ribbons to bottom edge of lining, about $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " from bottom edge, snugging ribbons against one another. Continue around entire lining, alternating colors.

4. Cut thread 12" long. Continue, following Steps 4 and 5 of General Directions to complete windsock.



Ghost Windsock

What You'll Need:

- Materials listed in General Directions
- Thin white fabric (silk, cotton batiste, rayon lining)
- Black acrylic paint
- Stylus or blunt toothpick (Cut off sharp tip.)



1. Follow General Directions, Steps 1 and 2.

2. Cut white fabric $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4". Seal all edges with a thin line of glue.

3. Starting about 1" below top of fabric, mark every $\frac{1}{4}$ " lightly with pencil. From those points, draw lines to bottom of fabric.

4. Run a thin line of glue along each pencil line. Let dry, then cut along each line for streamers.

5. On uncut (top 1") part of fabric, make the face. Lay fabric over face pattern. Trace. Paint. Let dry.

6. Follow Step 4 of General Directions.

7. Glue edges of fabric together, overlapping to form a cylinder.

8. Run a gathering thread close to top edge, starting at seam and leaving tails at the beginning and end.

9. Run a bead of glue along top edge of lining. Slip ghost over lining and pull up gathers to fit top of lining snugly. Tie threads. Dot glue on knot. Cut thread. ■

