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## Cookie Monster DIY Tote

### Materials:

- Tote Bag
- Fabric Markers
- Cardboard

### Talk About It:

**B is for Bag. C is for Cookie. D is for Do-It-Yourself**

Share the gift of creativity with your child. Chat about designing his own tote bag, and what he would put on it.

### Make it:

#### Step 1: Things You'll Need

Collect the items from the materials list.

**Little Hands Tip:** What will you carry in your bag? Cookies? Monsters? Swim fins?

#### Step 2: Recycle

Place a piece of cardboard inside the tote bag to make it easier for your child to draw and to protect from marker bleed-through. Talk to your child about how using cardboard in art projects is a great way to recycle boxes.



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## Step 3: Draw a Monster

Ask your child to use a fabric marker to draw Cookie Monster. Give him the choice of drawing from memory or looking at a picture of Cookie Monster. Start by drawing circles for the eyes. Cookie Monster's eyes are each made up of two circles.

## Step 4: Color Cookie

With another fabric marker, guide your child in drawing Cookie Monster's body. This is a great opportunity to talk about how art doesn't always have to play by the rules. Although Cookie's fur is blue on Sesame Street, an artist can make it any color he wants in his own drawing.

## Step 5: Make a Mouth

Your crafty kid can finish his Cookie Monster cartoon by drawing a mouth (try an oval, only with pointed instead of round ends).

## Step 6: C is for Cookie

Write "C is for Cookie" on the tote for younger children. For older children, help them write it themselves.

## Step 7: Add Some Cookies

He can draw a few cookies (more circles), and then—ta-da!—he's made a cool new tote bag.

## Step 8: Keep It Clean!

Fabric markers are made to write easily on t-shirts and tote bags. Their color also won't wash off in the laundry. Want to make something else with your fabric markers? You could draw Big Bird on an old t-shirt, or Bert & Ernie on a plain pillow case!