

Marble Maze Dos & Don'ts

DO use one of the provided maze patterns. If they are too big, we can't fit them in the bags! If they are too small, the students don't get the same benefits.

DON'T add buttons or beads to the mazes. SIMPLE embroidery is fine, but not at all necessary.

DO feel free to use bright cheerful colors! You can make your mazes all the same color or mix and match.

DON'T leave gaps in your stitches! The marble will apply pressure to the stitches as it is moved about by the student, so we want all the stitching to be strong and sturdy.

DO read all of the guidelines before making your mazes. We run a quality control check on all incoming products, and we want yours to pass!

DON'T forget to have fun with this project! You might have a sewing party with friends and family, and everyone can pitch in!

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my group make mazes?

Yes! We would love a donation of marble mazes from your group and would be happy to share your donation on social media!

How do I sign up to make marble mazes?

There's no need to sign up! While we appreciate knowing that mazes are being made, feel free to be spontaneous and make them whenever you feel the urge!

What materials do I need to make marble mazes?

The quick answer is: Fabric, marbles, thread, and a sewing machine.

You will need fabric of some sort; we suggest fleece, but many other sturdy fabrics are appropriate. Marbles can be any color, although they need to be a consistent size as noted in the instructions, to properly fit in the maze. You'll create the maze with your sewing machine using appropriate color thread.

Can I use any kind of fabric?

While we prefer a fleece fabric for this project, any kind of sturdy fabric is acceptable. Cotton quilt fabric will need some kind of fusing to strengthen it.

Is there a video tutorial?

Yes! We especially like this tutorial from Damjana Jakos at AppleGreenCottage.com:
<https://www.applegreencottage.com/diy-fabric-marble-maze-pattern/>

How many marble mazes do you need?

We serve more than 50,000 students, and we would love for every one of them to have a maze of their very own!

How many marble mazes do I need to make?

You can make as many or as few as you like – we accept all donations! Some donations are just a dozen or so, some groups will donate several hundred at a time! We combine all the donations when we package the mazes for the store.

When do you need the marble mazes?

While our store is open for teacher shopping during the school year (August – May), we accept donations all year round, so anytime is fine. When we have enough in our inventory, we'll put them in the store for our teachers.

Should I make an appointment to drop off my completed mazes?

We definitely prefer that you let us know in advance! Contact Jaida at j.anderson@crayonstoclassrooms.org to set up a date. You can drop them off between 9am-4pm on any normal business day (by 3pm on Fridays). Remember to fill out your off-site project form!

Can I get sewing supplies from Crayons to Classrooms?

Generally, we don't supply the materials for this project. On rare occasions we may have small amounts of fleece or other appropriate fabric. We cannot supply thread or marbles.