

Marble Maze

In this project, you will be creating small fabric mazes with a marble inside. Cloth marble mazes are useful for promoting fine motor skills, focus, and self-regulation, especially for children, as they provide a tactile and engaging activity that can help calm restless hands and improve hand-eye coordination.

You will provide the materials to make the mazes – the fabric, thread and marbles. To provide consistency for our teachers and students, please use one of the maze patterns provided when creating these products.

Materials:

Fabric: Fleece is strongly suggested, but felt or other hardy fabrics are also acceptable. Cotton or quilting fabrics may be used if a fusible interfacing is added.

Please do not use natural wool fabrics, due to potential allergy concerns.

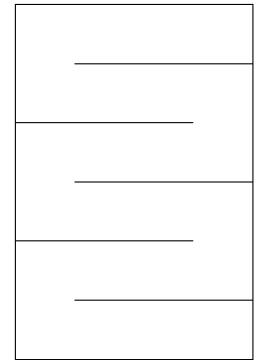
Marbles: Marbles should be 16mm or 5/8 inch in size. The color of the marble does not matter.

Pattern:

Please use one of the [provided maze patterns](#) for your project.

- You can use the same maze pattern for all that you make, or you can make several different patterns.
- The completed maze should be **about 6x8 inches**.
- Excellent and detailed instructions can be found here: <https://www.applegreencottage.com/diy-fabric-marble-maze-pattern/>
 - You can use her pattern if you like.
 - Adding the start and end points is **not** necessary.

Figure 1: A sample maze



Instructions:

- Cut two layers of fabric into 6.5"x9" rectangles. If using a cotton fabric on one side, also cut out interfacing to add strength.
- Iron the fusible interface to the fabric if necessary.
- Machine-sew the pieces, front sides together, leaving an opening large enough to fit the marble.
- Clip the corners and turn the shape right side out.
- Insert the marble through the opening and move it away from the opening.
 - You might use pins to keep the marble in place.
- Sew the opening shut.
- Sew the maze pattern. You can print the pattern and pin the paper to the cloth if you like.
 - Be sure to move the marble out of your way as you sew.

Alternatives:

- If you use **very** thick felt or fleece, you can skip turning the fabric right side out. Simply sew the pieces together and use pinking shears to cut around the edges.
- You can add a zigzag stitch around the edge of the maze, for both stability and style.
- You can also use different colors or fabrics on each side of the maze.
- Adding a start and end point to the maze is *optional* and not encouraged. **Do not** add beads or buttons.

Packaging:

- Place all the completed mazes into a bag or box. Please label the container with the number of completed mazes it contains.
- Print and fill out the Off-Site Project Submission form (use the Other option). Bring this with you when you deliver your donation.
- Deliver your completed project to Crayons to Classrooms. We would prefer that you contact us to set up a time for your delivery, between 9am and 4pm, Monday-Thursday.



OFF-SITE PROJECT Submission Form

Please return the finished project to Crayons to Classrooms, along with this completed form.
If you have multiple projects to return, each one should have its own submission form.

- Our address is 1750 Woodman Drive, Dayton, OH 45420.
- Please call or email to schedule a time to drop off your completed project.

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Tell us when you delivered (or sent) the product and what was included.

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Questions? Contact Jaida Anderson at j.anderson@crayonstoclassrooms.org or 937-528-6420.
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