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Wee Wednesday: Clothing

Book: *A Story about Afiya* written by James Berry and illustrated by Anna Cunha

Art: [*Costume for the Egungun Masquerade*, Yoruba artist](#)

[*Shirt*, Yanktonai \(Sioux\) artist](#)

Paper Bag Smocks

Materials

- Paper grocery bag
- Additional paper of any size, color, or shape
- Decorations such as aluminum foil, bottle caps, plastic, string, etc.
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Drawing materials such as colored pencils, markers, or crayons



Instructions

- To create a smock from your paper bag, cut along one of the sides of the bag to remove the side panel. Repeat the process on the other side. The front, back, and bottom of the bag should remain.
- Cut a hole in the bottom of the bag that is big enough to slip your head through.
- Think about what kind of garment you would like to create. Use your paper, decorations, and drawing materials to create your garment.
- When you are finished, slip the smock over your head and wear your creation!

Additional Book Suggestions

These titles may be available at your local library.

Where Did My Clothes Come From? by Chris Butterworth and illustrated by Lucia Gaggiotti

Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do by Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook, and illustrated by Andy Robert Davies