

February

ConservationKids

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**February
birthstone**

Amethyst



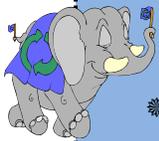
Recycled Capri Sun® bags.

KID IDOL CONTEST!!!

EACH MONTH ONE KID/GROUP OF KIDS WILL BE SELECTED TO BE THE KID IDOL OF THE MONTH. TO BECOME A KID IDOL YOU HAVE TO ACCOMPLISH A GENEROUS OR HELPFUL DEED TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY. JUST SEND US A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR DEED AND A PICTURE OF YOU DOING IT AND YOU MAY BECOME THE NEXT KID IDOL.

Did you know...? Recycling

- ☀ The Montgomery County recycling center can take in almost 100,000 tons of recycled items and paper in just one year. That's the same weight as 12,500 male elephants.
- ☀ You can recycle in a cool way by turning your empty Capri Sun® and Honest Kids® juice pouches into bags. See instructions below.
- ☀ Go to Caprisun.com to learn how to raise funds for your school.



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How to make a juice pouch purse from recycled juice pouches

- 1. You'll need around 27 empty juice pouches. It depends on how big you want your bag to be.**
- 2. Next, remove the extra juice from the pouches. Grab a dish towel and a rolling pin. Lay the towel on a countertop or flat surface. Put the juice pouch on the towel and roll it flat.**
- 3. Piece the pattern of the bag together. Using a sewing machine, sew 4 pouches with the bottom of the pouch at the top of another pouch. This will be the bottom of the purse. TIP: Use a zig-zag stitch on the sewing machine. This will make it last longer. But don't worry. This won't damage your machine.**
- 4. Next, sew 3 pouches together side-by-side. Repeat this once more for the other side. Then sew each side to the middle 2 pieces of the bottom. You can do steps 3 and 4 differently relative to what size you want the bag to be.**
- 5. Bend the end pieces from the bottom up and sew the seams closed. Then sew the last remaining pieces.**
- 6. Make a strap out of ribbon or fabric.**