

# Celtic Charm

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**THE ANCIENT CELTS** (pronounced either “kelts” or “selts”) of Northern and Western Europe made distinctive designs on tools, weapons, and jewelry. Create your own Celtic good-luck charm for your backpack.



## What You'll Need:

- ❖ 3-by-3-inch square of cardboard
- ❖ pencil
- ❖ school glue
- ❖ 6-by-6-inch sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil
- ❖ black tempera (poster) paint
- ❖ small paintbrush
- ❖ tissue
- ❖ hole puncher
- ❖ yarn or ribbon
- ❖ backpack

## What to Do:

1. Draw a design on the cardboard with your pencil. You can follow one of the Celtic designs here or make up your own.
2. Trace over your design with a thin line of glue and allow it to dry overnight. The glue should be raised and clear when dry.
3. Lay a sheet of aluminum foil over the cardboard; smooth to form the foil around the raised design. Carefully fold extra foil around the back of the cardboard to secure it.
4. Brush black paint over the foil, concentrating on the design.
5. With a tissue, blot off some of the paint. If you blot too much, just dab on more paint with your brush. Let it dry.
6. Punch a hole near the top of your charm, thread your yarn through the hole, then attach the lucky charm to your backpack's zipper.

