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## PKM Making Mukena Bags with Kruistic Decoration from Strimin Fabric at Guidance Studio in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

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### Abstract

PKM Making Mukena Bags with Kruistic Decoration from Strimin Fabric at the Guidance Studio in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia needs to be done to provide knowledge and skills to target partners about the importance of Mukena Bag Making Training with Kruistic Decoration from Strimin Fabric for the long-term benefits of target partners so that target partners can make this Mukena Bag Making Training with Kruistic Decoration from Strimin Fabric as an alternative business opportunity because it has many enthusiasts from various circles. The problems faced in this PKM activity focus on solving partner problems, as follows: (1) target partners lack knowledge and skills in making mukena bags with kruistic decorations from strimin fabric, (2) target partners were less familiar with the tools and materials used in making mukena bags with kruistic decorations from strimin fabric. The solution offered to the community is to conduct community service by providing training, namely: "PKM Making Mukena Bags with Kruistic Decorations from Strimin Fabric at the Guidance Studio in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia."

**Keywords:** Mukena bag, kruistic embellishment, strimin fabric

### Introduction

The implementation of this Community Partnership Program (PKM) is located at the Guidance Studio in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. This Guidance Studio is an educational institution that provides guidance programs for people at various levels. Therefore, the PKM Partner is the head of the guidance studio in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. People who have various kinds of problems in the physical environment and social environment, such as: Housewives in terms of time there is still a lot of free time owned by housewives. In general, they do not utilize their free time for productive activities, such as making mukena bags with artistic decorations. According to Nandang and Nunu (2015), in general, non-working housewives have free time between activities to take care of children and family. Most housewives, 60%, do not work, while the other 40% have jobs in various institutions. The free time owned by these mothers shows that more than 50% of them have around 7 to 10 hours of free time.

This is due to the lack of personnel or trainers who can empower them. In addition, the lack of knowledge and skills regarding the making of mukena bags with artistic embellishments is also a factor that affects the economic value of these items.

The survey results mentioned above were supported by the guidance center's pipmpina. Therefore, the partners requested that their community be empowered to overcome these shortcomings, so that they can more easily face problems in the future. The partners also stated that most of the community lacked knowledge and skills in improving the family economy. Based on this, the implementation of the Community Partnership Program (PKM) at the Malaysian Guidance Studio is very appropriate.

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Based on the problem of free time faced by mothers, the Training on Making Mukena Bags with Kruistic Decoration from Strimin Fabric can be a solution to fill this time as well as a side business. This is especially relevant for housewives in the Guidance Center in Kuala Lumpur who mostly have quite a lot of free time outside of family duties. To utilize this free time, the mothers should empower themselves with income-generating activities. One way is to offer the service of making mukena bags with artistic embellishments from strimin fabric.

This large mukena bag can be used as storage while traveling, for example to carry a mukena for women attending a ta'lim assembly, as well as for other purposes such as storing a wallet or drinking water. Along with the development of modern technology, materials for bags are now designed in a variety of unique, cute and attractive shapes. As a result, mukena bags decorated with artistic embellishments appear more beautiful and eye-catching.

## Methods

The method in the community service article explained how or the steps that were

- a. Licensing and location preparation stages  
To start PKM activities in Kaca Village, first the Chairperson of the Institute for Research and Community Service (LP2M) of Makassar State University (UNM) submitted a letter requesting permission for the PKM location, namely to the Guidance Center in Kuala Lumpur to obtain a location permit. Next, location preparation was carried out. Site preparation focuses on the Guidance Studio in Kuala Lumpur which aims to prepare partners, in this case the target group community, to provide a training venue, tools and materials used, a place to practice making mukena bags, and other facilities relevant to PKM activities. The methods used are: direct visits to the PKM location, discussions, and questions and answers.
- b. Socialization stage  
Socialization was carried out at the Guidance Studio in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. The socialization material focused on: (1) to make mukena bags with kruistik decoration (2) the tools and materials used for making. Mukena bag with kruistic decoration. The methods used were: visiting the PKM location, lectures, discussions, and questions and answers.
- c. Counseling stage  
At this stage, the PKM implementation team provides material or counseling to the target community group whose contents were: (1) Making a mukena bag with kruistik decoration (2) the purpose and use of a mukena bag with kruistik decoration (3) the materials needed to make a mukena bag with kruistik decoration (4) the tools used to make a mukena bag with kruistik decoration, and (5) producing a mukena bag model with kruistik decoration, the methods used were: lecture, question and answer, discussion and practice.
- d. Introducing the materials and tools used  
At this stage, the PKM implementation team introduced the materials and tools used to make mukena bags with kruistic decoration.
- e. Conducting training and mentoring  
At this stage, the PKM implementation team trained and accompanied partners, in this case the target community, to practice making mukena bags with kruistic decorations.
- f. Program monitoring and evaluation stages  
The evaluation stage was carried out when the training has been completed which aimed to: (1) assess the knowledge of the target community about making mukena bags with kruistic decorations (2) assess the mukena bags with kruistic decorations that have been made.

## Implementation and Results of Activities

The implementation of training activities for making mukena bags with artistic decorations carried out at the Guidance Studio Kuala Lumpur Malaysia was carried out, and was attended by fifteen community participants and the training went smoothly. The description of the results achieved is as follows:

- a. Partners have knowledge of mukena bags with kruistic decoration.  
Conducting activities by introducing the tools used in making mukena bags with kruistic decoration, the level of knowledge possessed is in line with Rivai 2005's opinion that "Training is an educational process in which there is a learning process carried out in the short term, aiming to improve knowledge, attitudes and skills, so as to increase individual competence, able to help others in acquiring skills and knowledge.
- b. Partners know tools and materials  
Training participants have knowledge of the tools and materials used in the manufacture of mukena bags with kruistic decoration according to Rizal 2023 mukena bags with kruistic decoration are a type of bag that is simply designed, open at the top, and has a long handle.



Picture 1. Explanation of tools and materials

- c. The level of skills of housewives making mukena bags with kruistic decorations Based on the training, the trainees directly sew their own mukena bags with kruistic decorations using tools and materials through training conducted in line with Iverson's statement (2001) says skills require training and the basic abilities that everyone has can better help produce something of more value more quickly.



Picture 2. Participants making mukena bags with crocheted embellishment

- d. PKM participants, namely housewives, produce finished products of mukena bags with creuistic decoration.  
The material of the mukena bag with kruistic decoration produced by the trainees at the guidance studio is assistance given to housewives in general, they already have a basis in sewing so that the training can be quickly understood and produce a mukena bag with kruistic decoration that has economic value.



Picture 3. Participants produced Mukena bag products with Kruistik decoration

- e. Successful implementation by the PKM Team
- The successful implementation of PPM activities carried out by the PPM Team under the guidance of PKK FT UNM lecturers, which is a measure of success in activities is the way of delivery by the team, the novelty of the topic and the level of understanding of the participants. Based on the survey that has been filled in by the participants, the following results are obtained:
1. The UNM PKM team succeeded in delivering the material with the right techniques and methods after accumulating from all participants obtained a score of 90%.
  2. The novelty of the topic of providing skills in making mukena bags with crafting decorations at the Kuala Lumpur guidance studio by the PKM UNM Team obtained a score of 90%, which means that the PKM UNM team succeeded in presenting the topic of discussion in the form of skills in making mukena bags with crafting decorations is something that is very useful and needed by participants in adding knowledge and skills.
  3. The level of understanding of participants from the survey results showed that around 85% of participants stated that they were easy to understand regarding the delivery of material and the provision of skills, this means that the PKM Team has succeeded in providing assistance to participants with teaching techniques that are simple and easy to understand by all participants.

## Conclusion

The implementation of the Community Partnership Program (PKM) on mukena bags with kruistik decoration for housewives well received by partners, the implementation of the Community Partnership Program (PKM) Partners understand well the steps of making mukena bags with kruistik decoration, partners have the knowledge to make mukena bags with kruistik decoration, and are skilled in applying mukena bags with kruistik decoration.

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