Create a Tik

In the collection of materials recovered that form the archive was a tik, shown below, the case in which many Sephardic congregations store their Torah. The case is typically rigid, made of wood or metal and would be ornately decorated with velvet and metal ornamentation. The tik below is similar to other Iraqi examples in the way in which it resembles the silhouette of a minaret tower with its elaborate dome. The word tik has been around in Hebrew for a long time, going back to the mishna (Shabbat 16:1 mentions a tik for a torah scroll and tefillin, meaning a case or box). However, the Hebrew word was borrowed from the Greek theke, meaning "receptacle", so though the tik pictured below is used to hold the Torah, the original word refers to something you place things in, including files and bags.

What you will need:

- A plain box or tote bag
- Sharpies, markers or other craft materials

What to do:

- Decorate your bag or box using your craft supplies, you can take inspiration from the example pictured above.
- Now find something that is important or precious to you to keep safe in your tik.

Bonus challenge: Try creating some intricate metal ornamentation for your tik, like the example above would have had originally using tin foil.