

Draw String Bag Instruction

Finished size approx. 14" wide by 18" high



1. Cut a strip of fabric 15" wide x 36" or WOF. (36" leaves 6" for one of the top bands.)
2. Cut two strip of the same fabric or coordinating fabric 13" x 6" (Strips should be 2 inches shorter than the sides of the bag.). The finished strips will become casings for the draw string.
3. Fold these strips right sides together and sew a ¼" seam at each end.
4. Turn the strips right sides out and press. Fold in half lengthwise and press.
5. Mark the center of each casing strip and the centers of each of the 15" sides of the bag.
6. For each casing and each bag end
 - Place the raw edge of a folded casing on the right side of a 15" side matching the centers.
 - Sew the strip to the bag with a ¼ inch seam.
 - Press the strip up and the seams towards the bag.
 - Top stitch through the seams of the bag and the tube.
 1. Adjust your stitch length to 3 or 3.5
 2. A walking foot might be helpful in this step.
7. Fold right sides of the bag together, matching the side seams and sew them from top to bottom. If the edge is not serged, finish the edge with a zig-zag.
8. To form the boxed bottom or gusset, press the bottom of the bag, meet that pressed mark with the side seam. Measure in 1 1/2" in the bottom seam point. Draw a line across the corner. Stitch on that line several times to secure the corner. Do not trim off this corner.
9. Insert the cording. (We will insert the cording at a later time.)
 - Cut 2 pieces of cording or ribbon 2 times the width of the top plus approx. 4".
 - Insert one piece of the cording from the right side of the tube to the left and back to the right side. Match ends and knot. Do the same with the other piece of cording only starting at the left side of the bag.

