

Drawstring Bag

What you will need:

- Two pieces of fabric 14" w x 16" h
- Two pieces of cord or ribbon, each 36" long.
- A big safety pin
- Pins
- Thread
- Sewing machine



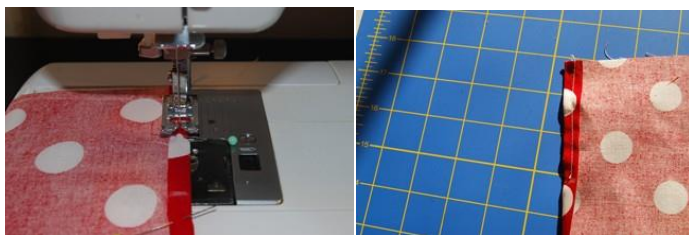
Instructions:

1. Cut two 14" x 16" pieces of fabric



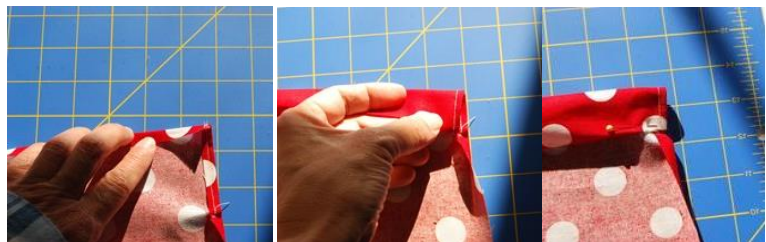
2. Make a mark $3\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top on the right side of the fabric and on the left side of the fabric. Repeat for other piece of fabric.

3. Fold over $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the side down to the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " mark, and pin.



4. Sew down to the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " mark, on both sides, making sure to backstitch. Do the same for the other piece of fabric.

5. Fold down the fabric $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the top, then fold down that piece so the fold meets the bottom of the stitching at the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " mark. Pin.



6. Do the same for the other side, and pin along entire hem. Repeat for other piece of fabric.



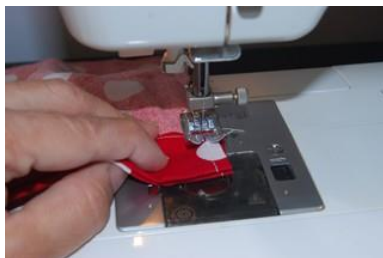
7. Sew the hems on both fabric pieces where you pinned, close to the fold. Be sure to backstitch.

8. Put both fabric pieces together, right sides together. Matching up the seams of the hems (so start pinning from the seam) pin along the sides and bottom.



9. Starting at the matched seam, (don't start all the way at the top), using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, sew down to the bottom corner, unfolding the fold as you sew.

10. Stop $\frac{1}{2}$ ' before the bottom of bag, lift the presser foot, turn the fabric, lower the presser foot, and sew along the bottom of the bag. Stop $\frac{1}{2}$ ' before the side of bag, lift the presser foot, turn the fabric, lower the presser foot, and continue to sew up the bag, but not all the way up (see next step).



11. Stop when you get to where the bottom of the hem seam. Backstitch to reinforce.

12. Turn back inside out. Poke your finger into the corners to make them square.



13. Put a safety pin in one end of one of the pieces of cord. Thread the cord into one of the channels on the top of the bag.

14. When you get through the second channel, let both cords hang out the side. You are finished with one cord.



15. I am going to use a blue cord for the second cord so you can see where the different cords go. Put a safety pin on the end and start threading the second cord in the holes on the OPPOSITE side of where the two ends of the first cord are hanging out.

16. Thread through one side and then through the other, like the first cord. Now you will have two cords hanging out the other side also.



17. Tie the ends of the cords tightly into square knots.



18. The bag will cinch when you hold the knots on either side of the bag and pull outwards.