

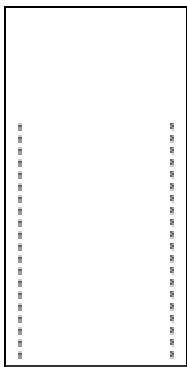
CLOTH “GRAB” BAG (6”W x 8”H)

Tools & Supplies:

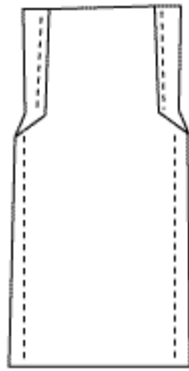
- Cord, Ribbon, or Yarn (for drawstring tie)
- Fabric (cotton, denim, remnants, etc.)
- Ruler
- Safety Pin
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine
- Straight Pins
- Template (cardboard or paper)
- Thread

Instructions:

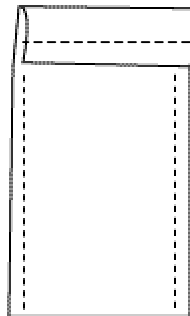
1. Unfold fabric and lay on flat surface, right side facing up.
2. Place template next to fabric; fold fabric up to template height, right sides will be together.
3. Cut fabric into one long strip.
4. Place template on fabric strip, cut fabric to template width, ending with several individual pieces.
5. With right sides together, stitch or serge side seams, using 1/2" seam allowance. Leave 1 ½ inch open at top. Bottom won't require stitching.
6. Iron, pin, or finger press down casing at both top edges and stitch into place.
7. Fold top edge over 1 inch, iron, pin, or finger-press in place. Stitch top edge.
8. Turn bag inside out so right sides face out.
9. Cut two strands of cord, ribbon, or yarn about 3 inches longer than the width of your bag.
10. Place safety pin on end of drawstring tie (cord, ribbon, or yarn).
11. Insert safety pinned end of drawstring in one top opening. Bring tie completely through and around (inside casing) to exit at the same spot on the opposite side. Remove pin and knot ends. Repeat with second drawstring in the other top opening.



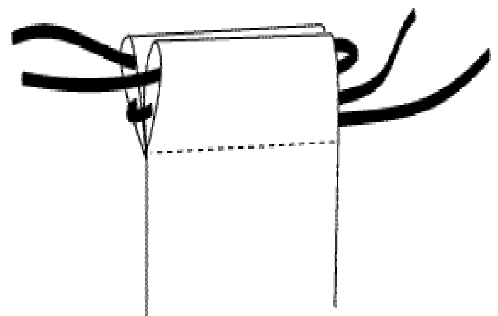
Step 5 – Stitch side seams



Step 6 – Stitch casing



Step 7 – Turn top edge over



Step 11 – Insert drawstring

Helpful Hints:

1. Prepare a heavy cardboard template. Write various sewing instructions/markings on it.
2. Cut fabric with pinking shears to keep fabric from fraying or serge edges.
3. Choose colorful designs that will appeal to children.
4. Cording or plastic canvas yarn works well for drawstrings; it slides and won't unravel easily.
5. You can pull both drawstrings through at the same time, knot the correct ends together and pull one knot to the other side. Test the open and close action several times.
6. Finished bags can vary in size.
7. If your fabric has a multi-directional design you can skip putting in a bottom seam.