

Draw String Bag

Finished size approx 24" x 32"

Supplies - 1 yd

Cotton fabric, Home Dec Fabric, Chino, and many other fashion fabrics will work.

General sewing supplies; Thread to match fabric

Drawstring - Decorative Cording, Shoe Lace or a Coordinating print fabric (2" strip - double folded and stitched. Secure the ends together.)

Note- Do not trim off the selvages.

Create the drawstring pocket-With the 42-44" side of the fabric at the top, press 1/4 inch down then press 1 1/2" (or more to accommodate the size of the draw string) on the top edge. Stitch across with coordinating thread.

Stitch a 1/4" hem across the bottom edge of the fabric.

Fold fabric in half -matching side selvages. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, start stitching the side seam just below the drawstring opening and continue to the end. Tack the top of the seam with a few stitches. This will keep the drawstring pocket together.

Stitch across the bottom using 1/2" seam allowance.

Create a box bottom - With right sides together, match the bottom and side seams to form a triangle. Mark 2" from the point and draw a perpendicular line and pin. Stitch on the line. Repeat on the other side of the bag.

Feed the drawstring through the pocket of the bag. A large safety pin works nicely as a lead. Securely tie the ends together.

Idea: Thread small wooden beads onto the drawstring before tying.