

# Drawstring Bag

## Materials Needed

Fabric	Safety Pin	Pins
Scissors	Spool of Thread	Sewing Ruler
Rotary Cutter	Extra Machine Needles	Cord

1. Place your fabric over the cutting mat. Make sure the fabric is still doubled over creating two layers connected by a fold. For this bag, we used half-a-yard (18" x 18") of fabric for each side.
2. After aligning your fabric with the measurements on the cutting mat, place your ruler on top of the fabric right next to where you want to cut.
3. Using your rotary cutter, start from the bottom and work your way up. Never cut towards yourself. If the rotary cutter is sharp, it should make a clean cut through your fabric. Do not move the ruler until you have checked to see if the fabric cut all the way. If you move the ruler before checking, it could result in an uneven line.
4. With your scissors, cut the fold that is keeping together the two layers of fabric. Flip over the fabric so they are both facing inside-out. Place them on top of each other.
5. After lining them up, you can choose to place pins around the outside of three of the sides you will be sewing. This step is not necessary. The pins just provide extra security.
6. Prepare your sewing machine. Select the stitch you would like to use. The recommendation would be 2, the zig-zag stitch, because it is closes to a stitch from a serger.
7. Sew your first side seam. Do not forget to backstitch. Continue on the the second side seam. This side will become the bottom of your bag. Finish off with the last side. Leave the last side open.
8. Lift up the feed dogs, and pull your bag away from the sewing machine, cutting the thread loose. Take out the pins if you have not done so already.
9. Turn the open side so that the right side of the fabric is facing up, but only about two times the width of the cord. Approximately one-and-a-half inches.
10. Once again, you can choose to place pins around the edge you will be sewing. Make sure you do not sew both sides together, completely shutting the bag closed.
11. When placing the bag back on the sewing machine, make sure to that you put the side you will not be sewing on quite yet through the opening that is just below the bobbin case. Do not put your cord through until you are completely done sewing.
12. When you continue on to the second side, do not sew all the way back to the beginning. Leave a hole on the side of your bag that will provide an opening for the cord.
13. Put the safety pin through the top of the cord and patiently pull it through.
14. Once it is all the way through, you can decide whether or not you would like to sew on the opposite side of the opening so that the cord is always even.

