

Drawstring Bag for Kids at the Children's Receiving Home

Finished size: approximately 31" by 19" finished

Materials:

Strong thread.

Strings: 2 pieces of cord or fabric (Straight-of-grain 1"-1 1/2" strip folded in one or two times to cover raw edges and stitched with small stitches down the length one or two times.) 50"-60" long.

Fabric requirement: Good quality cotton – must be strong enough to protect a kid's belongings. 1 piece approximately 36" x 40"-44"

Construction:

Cut piece to size. Remove the selvages or not.

1. Turn under and press ½ inch at one end.
2. Press a fold 3-4 inches from first fold for hem turn. Open out flat.
3. Make 1-1/2" button holes 1-inch from edge and ½ inch from center, starting 2 inches below hem turn (see note below).
4. Fold right sides together.
5. Sew ½" seams down sides and across bottom. Fold to one side and stitch again for strength.
6. Fold hem over (at fold in step 2), Pin well, and edge stitch. This is easier if you have it wrong sides out and stitch from the inside.
7. For casing, stitch on both sides of buttonholes.
8. Turn case right sides out and press.
- 9a. Insert one string from left side, all the way around, coming out of buttonhole where it went in. Tie ends together firmly.
- 9b. Insert second string from right side, all the way around, coming out of buttonhole where it went in. Tie ends together firmly.
10. Pull ends of string to close bag.

Note: If your fabric is shorter than 36 inches, simply adjust the distance of fold in Step 2.