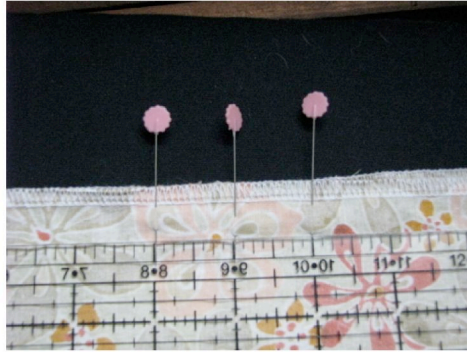


Self-lined drawstring bag tutorial

1. Cut a rectangle of fabric as wide as desired finished bag plus four times the length, adding 1/4 seam allowance all around.
2. Finish edges of both long sides by zigzag or serging.
3. With right side up, fold in half and in half again, pin at the fold on both edges. (Just pin one edge if only using a single drawstring.)
4. Open one fold and use a ruler to mark an equal distance on either side of the center pins, .75 to 1.5 inches depending on width of drawstring.
5. Start at one end, stitch to the first pin, backstitch, skip over the pins, start at last pin, backstitch and stitch to the end. Do the same for the other side.



6. Press open the side seams. (Optional - Topstitch around the inseam opening for a nicer finish.)
7. Still with wrong sides together, sew all the way across the bottom and finish the edge as desired.
8. Push in one corner of the rectangle through the center opening on the opposite side. Turn the whole bag through this opening.



9. Now fold the seamed end down into the unseamed end. Push the corners down inside and line the edges up. Press top edge.
10. The opening(s) along the side seam will now appear as a short slit at the top of the bag's seams.
11. Stitch one or two lines all the way around the top of the bag. Make sure the channel you make is wide enough for whatever cord or ribbon you plan to use as a drawstring. Two lines of stitching creates a little ruffle at the top when you close the bag.
12. Thread your drawstring(s) of choice through the casing and either sew the ends together and bury the sewn end inside the casing or tie a tight knot. I usually cut each drawstring 8 to 10" longer than twice the bag width.

