

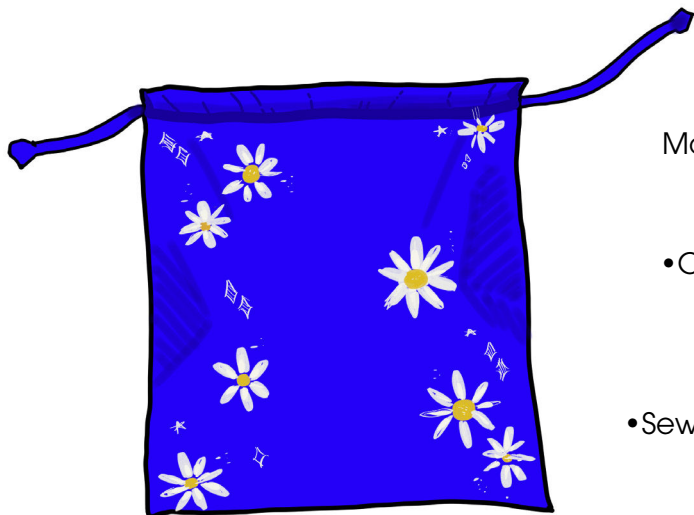


# DRAWSTRING BAG

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## DRAWSTRING BAG (FOR CLOTHING AND/OR SHOES)



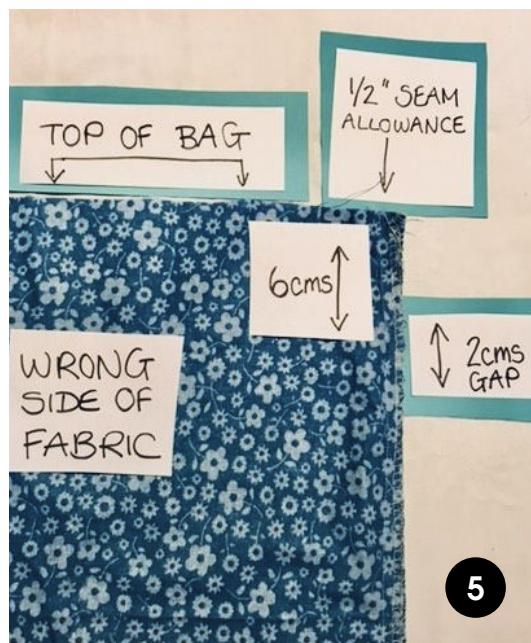
### MATERIALS:

Materials and Equipment Required:

- Use 100% woven cotton fabric (42cm wide x 100cm long)
- Cord, cotton tape or cotton fabric for drawstring ties
- Tape measure and pins
- Dress-making scissors
- Sewing machine and/or an Over-locker
- Iron and Ironing board

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Firstly, cut out 1 piece of fabric 42cm wide and 100cm long
2. Zig-zag or over-lock the raw edges of the bag.
3. Fold the bag in half, so that right-sides are together, the wrong-side of the fabric will now be facing you.
4. To sew the side seams and make the drawstring casing: Pin along the sides of the folded bag, right-sides together. From the top of the bag, sew a 1.27cm (1/2 inch) seam down each side of the bag, stopping after 6cm, leaving a 2cm gap. This gap is for the drawstrings to go into the casing. Continue to sew the seams to the bottom of the bag.
5. Place the bag (wrong-side out, on an ironing board. At the top of the bag, fold-down 1.27cm (1/2 inch) of the top edge of the bag, all the way round. **CONTINUE TO PAGE 2 >**



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6. Iron on fold.
7. Next, fold over the top edge again 4cm, keeping the first 1.27cm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  inch) fold tucked under.
8. Iron on fold again. This makes the drawstring casing.
9. Pin and sew a 0.64cm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch) seam at the top and the bottom of the casing, ensuring that there is a 2cm gap/opening on the right-side of the bag (on each side seam of the bag).
10. Turn the bag right-side out and press with a warm iron. Next, add the drawstring ties or make drawstring ties from 100% woven cotton fabric.

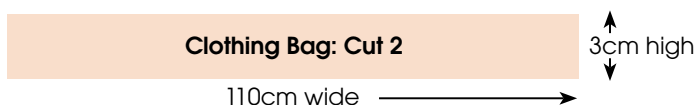
## TO MAKE THE DRAWSTRING TIES:

These can be made from strong cord, cotton tape, or made from the same 100% woven cotton fabric just like the bag.

• **Sizes of Ties:** Cords: 110cm long, cut out 2      Fabric Ties: 110cm long x 3cm wide, cut out 2

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Using 100% woven cotton fabric, measure and cut the fabric ties at 110cm x 3cm. Cut 2 of each.



2. With each tie, place the tie right-side down on an ironing board. Fold over all raw edges of the tie 0.64cm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch), making sure to tuck-in both ends first.
3. Press with a warm iron.
4. Fold the fabric tie in half, so the raw edges are tucked away.
5. Pin the two edges together.
6. Sew the tie edges together as close to the open edges as possible.
7. Repeat for the 2nd tie.
8. Using a large safety pin, thread the drawstring ties through each side of the casing.
9. Make sure that each tie goes in opposite sides of the bag casing.
10. The end of each tie goes in one side of the bag, all the way around the casing and comes out the same side of the bag that each tie went in. Secure the ends of the ties (cord, cotton tape, or fabric) with a knot.
11. Thread the drawstring ties through each side of the casing. The bags are now done!



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