



## Bags for Beads of Courage Project

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### *Bead Bag Instructions*

For complete information about the program, please visit the Beads of Courage Website: [BeadsOfCourage.org](http://BeadsOfCourage.org)



### **Sample INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Fat Quarters are great for this project. There will be a small scrap left over.
2. Focus Fabric — Cut two 9" x 12" — With right sides together sew a ½" seam on both long sides making a tube. Press seams open.
3. Lining Fabric — Cut two 9" x 12" — With right sides together sew a ½" seam on both long sides making a tube. Press seams open.
4. Turn lining right side out and place inside of focus fabric (right sides together).
5. Line up seams and sew a ¼" seam around the top of the tube.
6. Turn right side out. Press seam towards lining.
7. Tuck the lining back inside and press the top seam flat.
8. Place tube on the open arm of the sewing machine and sew a seam at 2" from top. When you get to the two seams back tack about 1/4" across the seam.
9. Sew another seam 2¾" from the top back tacking again at the seams. (This makes the seams stronger for the cording to be pulled through.)
10. Using a seam ripper, pop the seam between the two back tacks on focus fabric for cording to be pulled through.
11. Turn project wrong side out and serge all layers together.
12. Turn right side out and press bottom seam. Cut two 26" pieces of cording. Using a large safety pin fold back about ½" of cording and pin through the folded edge.
13. Starting at one seam, thread all the way around the bag. Tie ends of cording together in a knot. Do the same with the other seam.

**For a small bag** cut fabric 7" x 10" and proceed the same as above except when stitching the two rows at the top for cording sew first row 1½" and the second row at 2¼". Be sure to back tack at seams. Cut cording 17"

Guild member **Denise Walsh-Horowitz** will be collecting the bags and will get them to the **Beads of Courage** organization. If you have any questions, please contact Denise via [info@empirequilters.net](mailto:info@empirequilters.net).

*Instructions Compliments of Bettie Hammock, Sulphur Springs, Texas.*