

Drawstring Bags

In December we fill drawstring bags with goodies for charities holiday parties, the rest of the year older kids use the bags to store whatever they want.

Supplies:

Drawstring: 24" of shoelace, cord, grosgrain ribbon etc.

Fabric: One 18" x 36" piece or two 18" squares of sturdy fabric. Measurement need not be exact. If fabric is plain, embellish it with appliqué, embroidery, couching, bobbin work, rickrack, etc... Avoid beads, sequins, anything glued on which may come off easily.

First Side: Back-tack, stitch 1 1/4 inch. Tie off. Skip 1 inch. Back-tack then stitch remaining side seam.

Second seam (if using 18"x36" fabric): Back-tack, stitch entire side seam, tie off.

Bottom: Back-tack, stitch entire bottom seam, tie off.

Top: Turn under 1/8", stitch. (Can serge instead, Can skip this step if using selvedge here.) Turn under another inch and topstitch.

Drawstring: Use bodkin, safety pin or other tool to pull through opening. Tie knots near end of drawstring.

Finish: Halfway around from drawstring's opening, zigzag back and forth over it to prevent string from pulling out.