

Drawstring Backpacks

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Size: 14" x 16"



FREE
PROJECT

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Yardage is for all 3 bags but you can choose to make the one you want

FABRIC	SKU NUMBER	YARDAGE
BAG 1		
	43481-5 Orange	1/4
	43480-4 Blue	1/2
	43485-11 Yellow	1/2
BAG 2		
	40171-30 Green/Copper (Artisan Cotton)	5/8
	43481-7 Indigo	1/4*
	43485-4 Blue	1/2
BAG 3		
	43483-1 Pink	1/4
	43482-1 Pink	1/2
	43885-6 Green	1/2

** For the alphabet letters, each row across the fabric is a complete alphabet. In 1/4 yard you should get 3 rows so with a simple name you should be able to cut all the letters you need. Adjust your fabric amount according to the name you are creating.*

Additional Requirements:

3 1/4 yards 3/16" diameter round cord - color of your choice for EACH bag

Optional:

A small piece of 2 sided fusible webbing (like Steam-A-Seam 2® or Misty Fuse®) for applique letters or fabric glue (for holding the letter in place)

Special Notes:

*** All seam allowances are 1/4" wide*

Please read all the instructions before you start your project to avoid mistakes



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Cutting:

Bag 1

43481-5 Orange

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles for top of the bag

43480-4 Blue

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 11" rectangles for bottom of bag

43485-11 Yellow

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 16 3/4" rectangles for lining

Bag 2

40171-30 Green/Copper

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 18 1/4" rectangles for outer bag

43481-7 Indigo

Cut the letters needed for the name approximately 1 1/2" wide x 2 3/8" wide.

Note: the bag can accomodate about 5 letters easily, 6 slightly crowded

43485-4 Blue

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 16 3/4" rectangles for lining

Bag 3

43483-1 Pink

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 7 1/2" rectangles for top of the bag

43482-1 Pink

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 11" rectangles for bottom of bag

43485-6 Green

Cut (2) 14 1/2" x 16 3/4" rectangles for lining

Assembly:

Outside:

Bags 1 and 3

1. With right sides together, sew the top of the bag to the bottom section of the bag. Press seam toward bottom. Repeat for the other side. *diagram 1*
2. For all the bags, with wrong side facing up, make a 1/4" clip 5" from the top edge on both sides. *diagram 2*
3. Turn 1/4" at each side toward wrong side, press and topstitch. *diagram 3*
4. Turn 1/4" at top toward wrong side, press and topstitch.
5. Turn top edge down again 1 1/2" towards wrong side and edge topstitch to form casing. Repeat for the other side of bag.

diagram 1

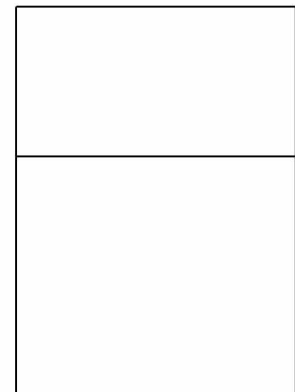


diagram 2

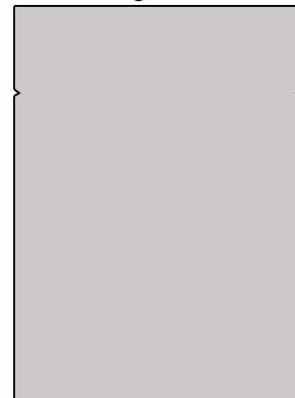


diagram 3

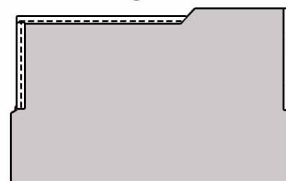
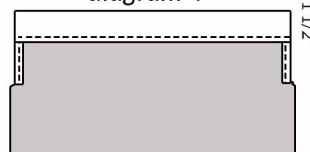


diagram 4



*****At this point you can applique the letters onto the bag #2. See information at the end of the instructions



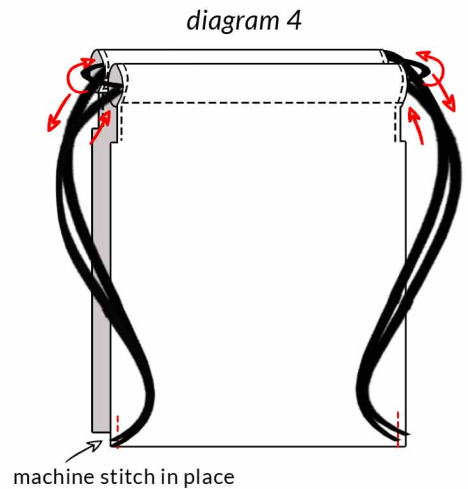
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6. Cut the cord in half. Thread one cord into one side of the casing and come out the other end then go into the other casing following the arrows as shown. Then thread the other cord in the opposite direction starting at the opposite side. *diagram 4*

7. Shorten the length of the cords at this point before you pin or baste the ends at the bottom on each side as shown to hold cords. Machine stitch a few times at the edge to secure the cords. *diagram 4*

8. Turn so the wrong side is facing out. Beginning at the clip at top of the side, sew down one side, across the bottom and to the clip at the other side. *Note: Make sure the cord is tucked into the bag and does not get caught into the side seams!*

9. Clip seam allowance at bottom corners to reduce bulk, turn to the right side and press the seams.

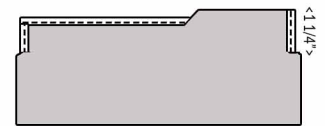


Lining:

10. With wrong side facing up, make a 1/4" clip at each side 1 1/4" from the top edge. Follow the same steps as instructed for the outside of the bag in *diagram 3*.

11. With right sides together, sew the sides and bottom of the bag from clip point to clip point on each side. Clip excess seam allowance at bottom corners.

12. With the wrong sides together, slide the lining into the bag and align the sides at the clip points. Slip stitch the lining into the bag at the top and sides. Or you can add a second topstitch following the top of the lining.



Instructions for Bag #2 Applique

Cut the letters as instructed and place them on one side of the bag being mindful to keep them about 1" from the side and bottom seams to be sure they do not get cut off when finishing the seams of the bag.

Take either a small piece of the 2 sided fusible or fabric glue and following the manufacturer's recommended instructions, adhere the letters in place. With a tight zig zag stitch or stitch of your choice, sew around each rectangle to keep the letters permanently in place.

Proceed with the steps for the finishing of the bag starting at step 6.

