

**Thank you** for your interest in helping us sew together our **Bags of Love**. Here are step by step instructions to guide you on your way. *The most important thing to remember: these do not have to be perfect, so don't worry about a crooked seam or a drawstring that is just a little bit too short.* They need to be made with love and a prayer that the person receiving whatever is inside may feel the love in turn.

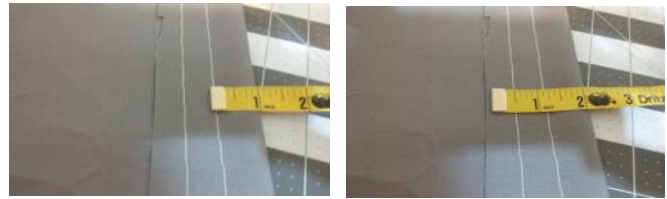
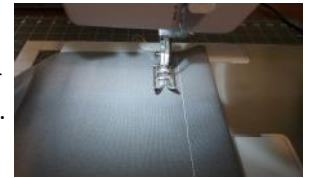
**Step 1:**

Each bag is not perfectly cut out which is okay because once it is sewn together you won't be able to tell. Material should be cut to 34" x 24".



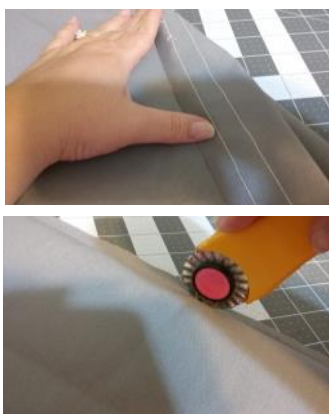
**Step 2:**

Fold down one of the 34" sides approximately 2". You will sew 2 straight lines. One approximately 1" from the top of the fold and the other about 3/4" below that one. This is creating the path for the drawstring.



**Step 3:**

Once both lines are sewn, use your rotary cutter or pinking shears to cut away the excess material so there is a nice clean edge about 1/4" wide.



**Step 4:**

Fold bag in half matching up the top (it should be the "good side" in). Begin sewing at the top of the bag about 1/4" down so you can backstitch to reinforce the corner.



**Step 5:**

Sew down the long side of the bag turning at the corner until you reach the end of the short side. Be sure to backstitch at both bottom corners to reinforce them.



**Step 6:** Use your rotary cutter or pinking shears to cut off the excess material so there is a nice clean edge. You have completed the bag. Now it just needs to be turned right side out and one of our non-sewing volunteers will turn out your bag and install the drawstring.



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