

Drawstring Bag = 9"X11" or 10"X10" square (perfect for pre-cuts).

Two bags can be made from 1/4 yard cut of fabric. Please note when using 1/4 yard cut of fabric to make 2-bags, one of the bag's bottom edge will be on the fold. The dimensions of one of the bags could be 9"X10 1/2" and that is Okay. This is due to the total fabric length, which can vary (less than 44").

Materials Needed

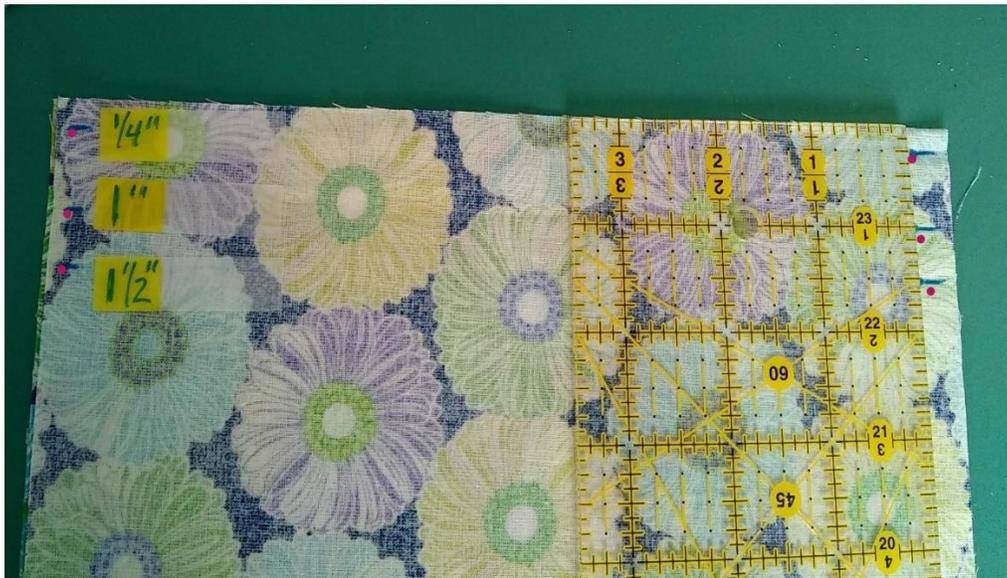
- Cotton fabric 1/4 yard cut, Fat Quarters or Pre-cut 10"X10" squares.
- 1/8" Spool of Ribbon (various colors or a neutral color that works with many colors).
- Pressing tool or iron (hands count as a pressing tool for this project)
- Safety Pin or bodkin tool to pull ribbon through a casing.
- Ruler, cutting board, sewing machine and a couple sewing pins, making pen/chalk, other sewing supplies as needed.



Guide to making a drawstring bag

Step1: Cut two (2) pieces of fabric 9" (width/across) by 11" (length/long) or use two (2) 10" squares to make a front and back of bag.

Step2: Place the fabric right sides together and starting at the top edge measure on left and right side seam marking at 1/4", 1" and 1 1/2". If you want to use ribbon wider than 1/8" add to the last measure 1/4" (using ribbon 1/4") or 1/2" (using 3/8") to use 3/8" (ex: the last mark will be 2" if using 3/8" ribbon).



Step3: Sew using a 1/4" seam allowance. Start sewing at the 1/4" mark, STOP sewing at the 1" mark, backstitch to secure, lift your presser foot and needle, and slide the fabric until you reach the 1 1/2" mark. At the 1 1/2", mark put the needle and presser foot down. Begin sewing again

(back stitch to secure) continuing down the side, across the bottom and up the side, stopping at the 1 1/2" mark (secure stitch), lift your presser foot and needle, and slide the fabric until you reach 1" mark. Begin sewing again (back stitch to secure) and stop at the 1/4" mark.

Step4: Turn the top edge down at the 1/4" mark. This will make the bottom edge of the casing. Use any tool to crease/press the edge. Cut the tread between the 1" and 1 1/2" to open the casing (front/back).



Step5: Turn down the top edge to make the casing. DO NOT GO BEYOND THE 1 1/2" mark. Use a sewing pin to secure on both side seams. Sew the casing in place close to the bottom edge making sure to catch the entire casing. Using 1/8" seam allowance gets good results. **Reminder** if the casing fold is over the mark, the opening may not be centered on the casing. Before stitching the casing in place, check the right side of fabric to ensure the opening is on the seam and open.



Step6: Turn the bag right side out and work to push the bottom corners out.

Step7: Cut 2-pieces of ribbon each piece 23 1/2". Using a safety pin or bodkin (shown), pull one of the cut ribbon through one side casing opening around the bag so that both ends of that ribbon are hanging out of the same side. With the second piece of ribbon, pull the ribbon through starting from the opposite side of the bag casing opening, until both ends of that ribbon are hanging out of the same side (ribbons ends will be on opposite sides of the bag). Tie each set of ribbon ends together to form the pull ties (each side of bag). Test your work by pulling the ties in opposite direction to close the bag. Press the bag if needed.

