

DRAWSTRING BACKPACKS

Materials Needed:

Heavy Fabric, 14-15" wide x 36" long

2 pieces of paracord, each 54" long

Step 1: Serge fabric around all four sides.

Step 2: Lay fabric right-side down. Create Casing for Paracord by folding 1" down along the top edge of the fabric. Stitch casing, just above the serged stitches, from one end to the other. Be certain to backstitch several times at beginning and end of stitching. Repeat for the other side.

Step 3: Fold the fabric in half with right sides together, fold at the top. Starting 1" below the top of the fold (yes, leave a 1" open space), sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam down the side and stop just below the casing. Make sure to backstitch at beginning and end of stitching. Repeat for other side.

Step 4: Thread first piece of paracord through one casing and continue through second casing. Tie ends together in a loose knot. As you repeat this process for the second piece of cording, make sure to start threading on the side where the first paracord continues from casing to casing so that, when finished, one end of paracord is emerging from the opening of every casing opening.

Step 5: Place both ends of cording on same side of backpack down inside the bag and push about $\frac{1}{2}$ " through the opening at the bag bottom of the same side seam. Sew back & forth across cording several times along side seam, securing cord ends. Repeat for opposite side.

Step 6: Turn bag right-side out.

Congratulations! You now have a finished backpack.

Jeri's Backpack Instructions:

Serge all 4 edges

Hem 2 short ends 1 to 1 ¼ in to wrong side. Sew close to or on serging stitching

Sew side seams Start at hemend. Get top edges even, back stitch 3 or 4 stitches and sew toward bottom. Leave about 1 in at bottom unsewn.

Thread drawstring. (make certain it works)

Clip all threads

Tuck drawstring into hole at bottom sew shut, back stitching to secure card.

Turn right side out