

Drawstring Bag

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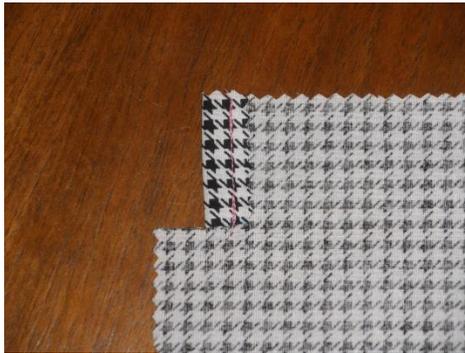
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Draw a rectangle measuring about 14 x 10 inches on the wrong side of the fabric. It doesn't really matter exactly what size the rectangle is, so simply draw around a large book or magazine.

Cut out the rectangle with pinking shears, which will help to stop the fabric from fraying. Lay the rectangle of fabric on the table, with the wrong side facing up and with a long edge at the top. Measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches down from both top corners and make a mark with the pencil. Using regular scissors, make a snip about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long on both sides at this point.

Fold over the flap of fabric above one snip and iron it in place. Sew close to the edge to secure, remembering to back stitch at the top and bottom. Repeat on other side.



Fold the top edge of the fabric rectangle down over the flaps you have just sewn. Iron it in place. The fold will be about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide and the flaps you have sewn will be on the inside of this fold. Stitch along the bottom of the fold. This will be the top of the bag and the ribbon tie will be threaded through it.



With right sides together, fold the fabric in half lining up the edges. Stitch down the side and along the bottom to form a bag. Start and finish with a few small stitches as before. Turn the bag the right way out.



Cut a piece of ribbon about 18 inches long. Fasten the safety pin through one end of the ribbon and push it through the channel at the top of the bag, gathering up the fabric, until it comes out the other side.



Remove the safety pin and stitch the two ends of the ribbon together with a few small stitches. Pull the ribbon through the channel until the stitched end is no longer in view.

Congratulations, you have completed your drawstring bag!