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# Drawstring Bag Pictorial

Start with 4 rectangles of fabric, 2 for the lining & 2 for the outer. In this example I have used H4 size fabric pieces & dimensions for the box corners that work for this, but it may be scaled up or down as you wish. I have also added an appliqué decoration to 1 outer side beforehand.



1. Join 1 outer & 1 lining piece RST with a 1cm seam, along 1 short side. RST = Right Sides Together



2. Repeat. These seams will be the bag top. Now open out & press the seams open (see next pic.)



3. Pin both pieces RST matching fabrics & seams. Mark a gap both sides of outer fabric 3 & 5 cm from seam



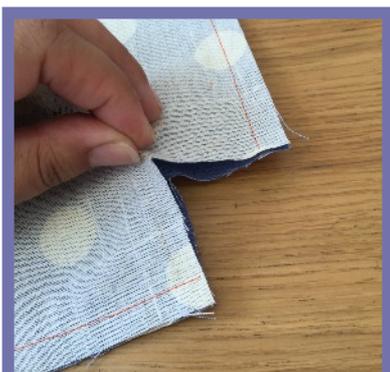
4. Sew a 1cm seam around the whole rectangle, apart from the 2 gaps. Secure with reverse stitch.



5. To create the square bottom, measure, mark & cut a square from one corner - 5cm from fabric edge.



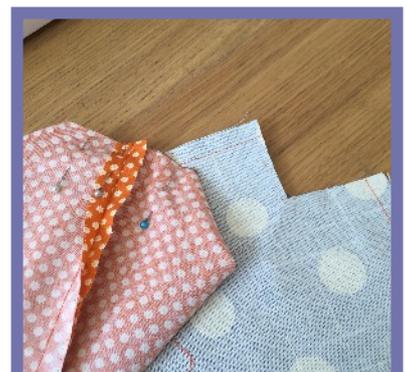
6. Use this first cut-out square as a guide to repeat on remaining 3 corners.



7. Now pinching at one of these inner cut corner (with both hands) pull the fabrics completely apart.



8. The 2 cut edges should come together to form a straight edge with previous seams matching at centre.



9. Flatten seams & pin. Do this on both outer corners & 1 lining corner. Leave 1 lining corner open.



10. Sew a corner 1cm from the straight edge. Start & finish with reverse stitch on the diagonal folds.



11. Repeat for the remaining 2 pinned corners, leaving 1 lining corner for turning through.



12. Now turn the bag to the right side through the last remaining open corner. Always a joy!



13. To close up the last corner, turn in the raw edges by about 1cm & match making a straightish line.



14. Pin & sew these folded edges together along the edge. A slight V shape will be fine as it's the lining.



15. Push the lining inside & bring first seams to the top edge. Pin together & sew round 3cms from top.



16. Repeat this at 5cms from top edge to create the cord channel. Reverse to secure at end of stitching.



17. Cut a piece of cord that's just longer than twice the flattened width of the bag.



18. Use a strong safety pin to thread the cord through 1 hole all the way round the top of the bag.



19. Repeat with a second cord threading from & to the opposite hole. Tie loose ends together.



20. Pull your drawstrings & admire your finished bag - well done!

This pictorial has been created for my clients as a reminder after we have made this in a lesson but should hopefully provide enough detail if you are starting from scratch.

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