



# Drawstring Gift Bag

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- ♥ 2 pieces 9 x 12" Outer fun fabric (you can piece together panels or minky strips, etc.)
- ♥ 1 piece 12 x 17 1/4" Lining fabric (not seen so polyester solids are fine)
- ♥ 2 pieces non-fraying cording, or durable ribbon minimum 26", or serged ties
- ♥ Options: MS Flat Label and Beads Label, *to applique on Step #2 on Outer fabric*

## **Instructions:**

1. Outer fabric: 2 outer pieces, right sides together, straight stitch ONE long edge (side seam) of outer fabric using a 3/8" seam. Open. Now Lining and Outer are same sizes.
2. LABELS: If using labels, zig zag stitch around edges of labels to prevent fraying. Attach labels to OUTER fabric but leave a 2.5" margin from all edges for the seam allowances. (Ideally the MS label will end up on the back of the bag and BOC label in front; but make sure all labels end up on outside of the Outer fabric.) Once open, rotate 90 degrees. Now place Lining and Outer fabric with right sides together and stitch 1/4" TOP seam (along 17.25" long side).
3. Press open seam and with right sides together, form a tube with lining together and outer fabric together and stitch along the side (12" side) seam with a 3/8" seam.
4. Turn to put lining fabric inside outer fabric and press.
5. To make the "tunnel" for the cording, stitch all the way around 1/2" from the top sewing through both the outer and lining fabrics. Backstitch at side seams to reinforce the stitching.
6. Stitch all around 1.5" from the top edge stitching through outer and lining fabric and reinforce stitching at side seams.
7. Using a seam ripper, open side seams through the outer fabric only between the two tunnel stitches.
8. Turn bag inside out, crease evenly (or press) at side seams to be able to seal the bottom. Zig zag stitch (or serge) both layers of fabric together at Bottom. Turn bag right side out and your bag should look finished except cording needs to be inserted.
9. To insert cording, using a safety pin, thread cording through the "tunnel" starting at one seam opening and ending at same seam. Repeat with the second piece of cording starting with the other side seam opening. Make knots on the tip ends until tips are too big to pass through the tunnel!



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