

# Lined Draw String Bags

## Supplies:

- Bag fabric 18" x 25",
- Bag lining 18" x 25",
- 2 pieces for the drawstring casing 12" x 6"
- Two 30" pieces of cording



**Equipment:** Use a walking foot and a 3/8 inch seam for best results.

## Instructions

1. Make the casings
  - a. Fold each casing piece in half lengthwise, right sides together, and sew across the ends.
  - b. Turn right side out and press
  - c. Press the strip in half lengthwise
2. Sew the casing between top of the bag top and lining,
  - a. Using the long side of the bag fabric with the stars close to the top, pin a casing strip one inch from each side.
  - b. Lay the lining over the bag and pin along the top to secure.
  - c. Stitch across the top of the bag through all layers.
3. Sew the sides of the bag
  - a. Open to see the bag and the lining with the casing sewn between them.
  - b. Fold so the sides match, (lining to lining, bag to bag).
  - c. Pin and stitch the sides of the bag.
4. Turn the bag lining side out
  - a. Turn the bag right sides out.
  - b. Push the bag inside the lining. The casing will stick out of the top.
  - c. Smooth the bag and lining, being sure the bag seam is folded to one side.
  - d. Press the bag lining so that you can see the crease on the side of the bag that does not have a seam.
  - e. **Top stitch around the top of the bag.**
5. Make the bag bottom
  - a. Trim the bottom of the bag if necessary so all layers are the same length.
  - b. Carefully stitch across the bottom of the bag, catching all 4 layers.
  - c. **Reinforce this seam if it is not serged.**
6. Form the boxed bottom gusset,
  - a. Match the bottom seam with the side of the bag (On one side this will be the seam, on the other side it will be a crease in the lining.)
  - b. Measure in 1 1/2" from the end of the seam. Draw a line across the corner perpendicular to the bottom seam.
  - c. Stitch on that line several times to secure. **Do not trim off this corner.**
7. Finish
  - a. Turn the bag right side out, open out the bottom of the bag and insert the cording.

