

Bags For Kids

About 1 yard of 40-44" fabric

2 Yards sturdy cording*

Fold fabric right sides and selvages together to form a rectangle. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam across one end and along long side. Finishing the seam with a zig-zag stitch is optional, but preferred. A serger works well.

To make casing, turn down 3" on the open end. Turn raw edge under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and sew like a hem. Stitch again $1\frac{1}{2}$ " away from folded edge. There is now a casing with a "ruffle" edge at the top. On the outside of the bag where the side seam crosses the casing, unstash seam enough to make a "hole" for the cording. If the side seam is only $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide, it is possible to slip under and around it when the cording is inserted with a large safety pin.

To "box" the bottom of the bag, at one corner, with two hands pinch the fabric on each wide and pull apart to form a point. Pin to match side and bottom seams. Measure down from the point 3 to 4" and draw a line perpendicular to the seam and sew across. Trim the seam to $\frac{1}{4}$ " and finish with zig-zag or serging, or leave untrimmed.

Do the second corner matching the bottom seam with the side fold this time to form the point. Continue as above. Insert cording. Done!

*Instead of purchased cording, a fabric one can be made. One way is to cut a 60-72" strip of fabric 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, fold the edges to meet in the center and press, then fold again so the new edges meet and stitch along the long edge.