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# COTTON BAGS

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PROJECT SHEET



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### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 50cm printed cotton fabric
- 50cm lining fabric for inner
- 390cm natural cotton rope for drawstring
- Sewing machine and matching thread
- Scissors
- Pins
- Measuring tape
- Pencil

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Step 1** - Step 1 - Using the measuring tape, ruler, and a pencil, measure out the pattern pieces onto the fabrics to the below sizes:

Printed Cotton - 2 pieces x 45 x 35cm

Lining Fabric - 2 pieces x 42 x 35cm

**Step 2** - Take both pieces of the printed cotton and place together with the right sides facing in. Pin around the 3 edges, leaving the top of the bag open. Repeat this step with the lining pieces.

**Step 3** - Sew around the pinned edges of both the printed cotton and the lining pieces with a 1cm seam allowance.

**Step 4** - Turn the printed cotton piece right side out and then place the lining piece inside the printed bag so that the wrong sides are facing each other. Use your hands to push the corners together and align the side seams of both the lining and outer fabric to create the overall shape of your bag.

**Step 5** - Fold the top edge of the printed cotton down 1cm and then another 2cm. Place the lining fabric under the folded edge and pin in place to secure. Top stitch the folded hem down with a 2cm seam allowance. This will create the casing for the drawstring cord.

**Step 6** - Take the printed cotton and cut 4 small pieces for the cord tabs at the base of bag, 4cm wide by 6cm long. Place the rectangles right sides facing in and sew along the edges. Fold the fabric right side out and top stitch along both edges with a 3mm seam allowance.

**Step 7** - Using the quick unpick, carefully unpick the side seam where you want the tabs to be. Fold the tabs made in step 6 and position them inside the seam allowance. Top stitch in place with a 3mm seam allowance to secure.

**Step 8** - Again using the quick unpick, carefully unpick the side seams on each side within the 2cm top hem. This will create an opening for the cord to be threaded through.

**Step 9** - Take the cord and cut in half to create 2 pieces. Then place the safety pin through one end of the cord and begin threading it through the top casing of the bag. Once you reach the side seam continue pushing the cord back to the original side you started threading through. Pull the cord through to create even lengths on each end.

**Step 10** - Repeat Step 9, starting from the opposite side seam and threading the cord all the way through until it comes out at the same opening again.

**Step 11** - To finish thread the cord through the tabs at the base of the bag and tie in a knot to secure. Pull the draw string together and try the bag on, cut and adjust strap lengths if needed.