

# Easy Lined Drawstring Bag

2 Fat Quarters makes 2 gift bags!

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Shown in:  
Paisley Got Mod fabrics  
from Island Batik

2 FQs = 2 Gift Bags  
Bags: 8" x 8"

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## General Directions

Read through all directions before beginning. Sew using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam unless otherwise specified. Seam allowances are built into the cutting directions. All pieces are sewn with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise specified. Cutting directions are based on fat quarter 17" x 20" - adjust quantity as needed to fit your fabrics. Follow the arrows for pressing suggestions.

## Cutting Instructions - for 2 bags

From each of 2 Fat Quarters, cut:

2 rectangles 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 20"

### Cording, cut:

4 pieces of cording 24" long

**Note:** I used .15" (4mm) jute cord for one bag and  $\frac{3}{8}$ " ribbon for another. If you use a wider cord or ribbon, you may need to increase the size of the casing from  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide to 1" wide.

## To make 1 bag:

1. Layer 1 rectangle of each fabric right sides together. Sew across both short ends. Press seams to one side.

2. Adjust layers to line up seams. Mark with pins or a pencil the start and stop points for sewing following the diagram.

3. Sew between the marks. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end of each section of sewing.

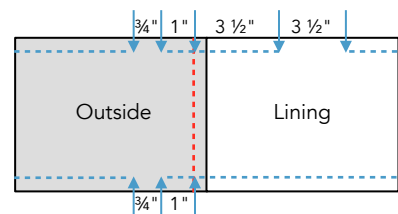
4. Mark each of the corners as shown in the diagram. Cut out the corners.

5. Open and align the cut edges centering the seam. Sew across the edge. Repeat on all 4 corners.

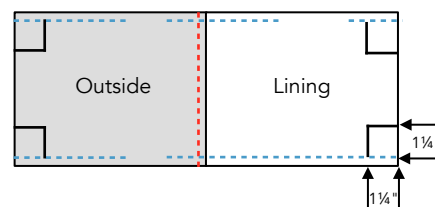
6. Turn the bag right sides out through the opening in the lining. Fold in the raw edges across the opening in the lining, stitch closed and then tuck the lining into the outside bag and push out the boxed corners.

7. Align top edges and press. Topstitch around the bag 1" down from the top fold and again 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " down. Stitching should line up with the openings you left in the seams. You have a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " casing opening.

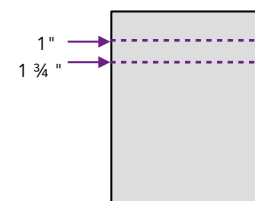
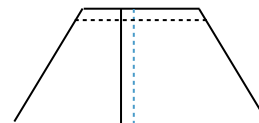
8. Using a safety pin, attach it to one end of the cording and thread the cording through the casing opening at one side seam. Once all the way around the bag, pull through the opening you started at, match up ends and tie a knot. Repeat with second cord starting at the other side opening.



**Note:** If you use a wider cord or ribbon, increase the size of the casing and instead of making the marks  $\frac{3}{4}$ " apart, make them 1" apart.



**Note - along short edge, measure 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from seam line not from side edges**



**Note: when you make the second bag, you can reverse the fat quarter fabrics so you have 2 bags with different outsides!**