

ASG Houston Community Service Projects 2016

Purpose: A drawstring bag and pillowcase will be given as a set. Choose an Abused Women Shelter(s) in your Houston NG community as the recipient of the completed sets.

Note: Fabrics of the drawstring bag and pillowcase do not have to match or coordinate.

Drawstring Bag*

Approximate Finished Size: 14" x 12" -14"

Supplies and Equipment:

Fabric: 100% Cotton or Home Décor Fabric – 1/2 yard

Thread

For drawstring: 1" x 36" cord, 1" x 36" washable ribbon or 2" x 36" fabric for self-made cord**

Sewing Machine

Optional: point turner

Instructions: (Use 1/2" seams)

1. Using home décor fabric (WOF = 52" - 54"), cut 17" x 50", then cut WOF in half to make two bags (17" x 25" each).
Using cotton, cut 17" x 30".
2. Right sides together, fold fabric in half across width, matching 17" side seams. From top, sew seam for 2", back tack seam, leave a 1" space for opening, and sew the remainder of the seam to bottom of bag.
3. Press seams open. On both sides of the 1" opening, using a zig-zag stitch, sew the seam allowance to main fabric.
4. Right sides together, sew seams at bottom of bag. Trim corners and trim seams to 1/4". Finish seam with zig-zag stitch. Press to side, if necessary.
5. To make casing: At top of body with right sides together, fold over 1". Press. Fold over 1" again. Press. Stitch 1/8" from folded edge for casing.
6. Turn bag right sides out. Use point turner at corners. Press as needed.
7. Using a safety pin, pull drawstring through casing. Tie together tightly at ends to secure. May use cord, washable ribbon or self-made cord** for drawstring.

**To make self-made cord for drawstring: Cut fabric 2" x 36". Fold in ends 1/2" toward center. Press. Fold raw edges lengthwise 1/2" toward center on both sides, meeting in center. Press. Fold in half again, matching folded sides (1/2" wide). Sew 1/8" along folded edge. Sew down ends to secure. Press, if needed.

*Measurements shown are Length x Width.

If desired, width of fabric (WOF) without selvage may be used as width measurement.

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Pillowcase with band*

Approximate Finished Size: 30" x 19 1/2"

Supplies and Equipment:

Fabric: 100% Cotton, Fleece, or Flannel; band – 1/4 yard, body – 3/4 yard
Serge or Sewing Machine
Thread

Optional: Fray Check, point turner, tapestry needle, Wonder clips

Instructions: (Use 1/2" seams)

1. Cut band - 9" x 40".
2. Wrong sides together, fold length of fabric in half with raw edges matching (4 1/2" x 40"). Press.
3. Cut body – 27" x 40".
4. Right sides together, match bottom of band to top of body. Serge (or sew) band and body together. (30 1/2" x 40"). Press seam down.
5. Right sides together, fold in half lengthwise (30 1/2" x 20"), matching top edges and seams at band. Use clips to hold fabric together.
6. Right sides together, serge (or sew) along side seam for length of fabric making sure edges match.
7. Right sides together, serge (or sew) seam at bottom of body. (30" x 19 1/2 ")
8. If serged, use tapestry needle to weave threads at corners through serged threads to secure. Use Fray Check, if desired.
9. Turn pillowcase right sides out. Use point turner at corners, if desired. Press

Pillowcase without band*

Approximate Finished Size: 30" x 19 1/2"

Supplies and Equipment:

Fabric: 100% Cotton, Fleece, or Flannel - 1 yard
Sewing Machine
Thread

Optional: point turner, Serge, Wonder Clips, tapestry needle, Fray Check

Instructions: (Use 1/2" seams)

1. Cut body – 32" x 40".
2. To make hem: At top of body with wrong sides together, fold edge over 1/2". Press. Fold over again 1". Press. Stitch 1/8" from turned edge for hem.
3. Right sides together, fold in half across WOF (30 1/2" x 20"), matching top and bottom edges. Use clips or pins to hold fabric together.
4. Right sides together, sew along side seams for length of fabric making sure edges match. Overlock seams, if desired. Press seams open or to one side.
5. Right sides together, sew seam at bottom of body. (30" x 19 1/2") Overlock seams together, if desired.
(If seams are serged, use tapestry needle to weave threads at corners through serged threads to secure. Use Fray Check, if desired.)
6. Turn pillowcase right sides out. Use point turner at corners, if desired. Press.

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