



## Drawstring Bag Construction

One of the biggest problems during Showcase 2015 was removing and fitting the quilts into the bags provided. Some were too big and some were too small and some were just right. For example, a queen size quilt stuffed into a pillowcase takes time and special handling to not cause damage/extra handling of the quilt. A small quilt in a huge bag makes it too hard to identify. Below are a few guidelines to help you match the perfect sized bag to your quilt.

Before you make your bag:

1. Fold your quilt to the size you like for transporting.
2. Measure length and width of folded quilt (for example, 20" x 20")
3. Add 25% more to forded dimensions (25" x 25")
4. Double one of the dimensions (25" x 50")
5. This is the size you will want to cut your material.

Construction:

1. Fold fabric in half, right sides together so dimensions are 25" x 25"
2. Sew bottom and side.
3. Turn bag right side out and turn down top edge ¼" and then 1 ½" to the right side. Your "hem" will be on the outside of bag with back of fabric showing.
4. Start stitching along bottom of hem 1" from the seam.
5. Stitch around the bag, stopping 1" from other side of the seam. This is your string/ribbon/cord hole. Note: if you wish to use a double drawstring, leave a hole on the opposite side of the bag.
6. String drawstring through and tie ends together in a knot.
7. TADA! You have your drawstring bag, and if you rip out all the stitching, you have your piece of material back!

Pillowcase in case it turns out to be the perfect size:

1. Fold or iron 1.5 to right side of top of pillowcase
2. Your "hem" will be on the right side of the pillowcase.
3. Start stitching along bottom of hem 1" from the seam and stop stitching 1" from the other side of the seam. This is your string/ribbon/ cord hole.
4. String drawstring through and tie ends in a knot. If you wish to use two drawstrings, leave opening on other side of pillowcase.
5. TADA! You have your drawstring bag and if you rip out all the stitching, you have your drawstring back.

**STITCH YOUR LABEL IN THE BOTTOM THIRD OF YOUR BAG AND  
CENTER IT LEFT TO RIGHT**