



MCC kit bag-making tips

FABRIC GUIDELINES

PLEASE USE

- Bright-colored fabric with limited use of white or black.
- Good quality, sturdy cotton/cotton blend woven fabric that has no or minimal stretch.



AVOID

- ✗ Images of violent cartoon characters, guns, military camouflage or war-related pictures; pigs; religious words or symbols; flags; culturally inappropriate images (e.g., girls dressed in short skirts or with lots of skin showing).
- ✗ Denim; corduroy; upholstery fabric; velvet; jersey knit.

FOR THE KIT DRAWSTRING

- Drawstrings need to be at least 36 inches (91 cm) and made from a durable material.
- Suggested drawstring fabrics/fibers: medium-width flat shoelaces; medium-thickness cording (cotton or synthetic); medium-width grosgrain ribbon or decorative satin ribbon; Nylotex cord; crocheted yarn cord.
- Depending on the type of drawstring used, please knot, sew or melt the ends so they do not fray.

Please make sure the drawstrings and fabric are good quality. We hope the bags will be in good shape for years to come!

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

Fabric: Cut one piece 13½ x 38 in (34 x 97 cm)

Drawstring: Cut two lengths 36 in (91 cm)

STEP 1

Fold edge of fabric in $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (1 cm) on all sides toward the wrong side. Stitch a narrow hem $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6 mm) along the folded edge.



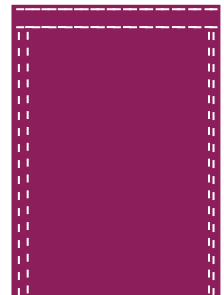
STEP 2

To make the drawstring casings, fold down 2 inches (5 cm) on one short end and stitch two parallel lines, one line $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3 mm) in from the fold, the second line $1\frac{7}{8}$ inch (4.8 cm) in from the fold. Repeat the process for the other short end.



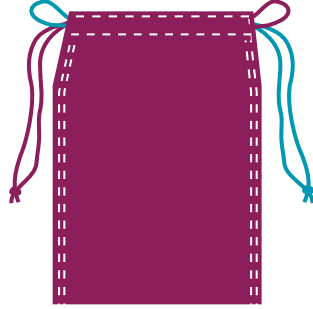
STEP 3

Fold bag in half, **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER**. Stitch bag side seam from bottom of the casing to bottom fold, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3 mm) from the bag sides. Stitch another seam parallel to previous stitching, $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (1 cm) from bag sides. There should be three lines of stitching from the casing to the bottom of the bag.



STEP 4

Pass a drawstring through one casing, turn and pass drawstring through other casing going the opposite direction. When through the second casing, tie ends on a knot. Repeat going the opposite way. The end product should be a double drawstring bag.



Finished bag size: 12 x 16 ³/₄ in (30 x 43 cm)

Please remember to backstitch all seams.

There are multiple ways to sew a kit bag. What matters is that your kit bag pattern meets **MCC's quality criteria:**

- The casing is sewn neatly and has enough room for the drawstrings.
- Any raw edges are enclosed or finished neatly.
- All seams are neat and secure.
- The bag is the correct size.

If you have questions, please contact your local Material Resources Center.

