



BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Craft & Sewing Classes

DRAWSTRING BACKPACKS – A Beautiful Things designed pattern

Materials required:

Kids size

- ½ metre of 100% quilting cotton (outer)
- ½ metre of 100% quilting cotton in a plain contrasting colour (lining and accents)
- 3 metres of cotton cord
- 2 x quarter inch grommets/eyelets (optional if you choose to make fabric tabs instead)

Adults size

- ¾ metre of 100% quilting cotton (outer)
- ¾ metre of 100% quilting cotton in a plain contrasting colour (lining and accents)
- 4 metres of cotton cord
- 2 x quarter inch grommets/eyelets (optional if you choose to make fabric tabs instead)

Cutting guide:

Kids bag

- Outer panels – 14" wide x 17" deep (cut x 2)
- Lining panels - 14" wide x 17" deep (cut x 2)
- Cord channel – 14" wide x 4" deep (cut x 2)
- Tabs (only cut if not using eyelets) – 4" x 3" (cut x 2)

Adults bag

- Outer panels – 16" wide x 19" deep (cut x 2)
- Lining panels - 16" wide x 19" deep (cut x 2)
- Cord channel – 16" wide x 4" deep (cut x 2)
- Tabs (only cut if not using eyelets) – 4" x 3" (cut x 2)

Use a ¼" / Edge of presser foot seam allowance throughout unless stated otherwise. Seam allowance is included in the pattern.

Instructions:

- 1) Press over the short ends of both cord channels by ¾ of an inch so that the piece now measures 12 ½ or 14 ½ inches (depending on size cut)
- 2) Topstitch the folded edges
- 3) Fold each channel piece lengthways, right sides together and sew the raw edges together to form a tube, trim back the seam allowance by half
- 4) Turn in the right way and press so the seam runs along the centre back

- 5) Measure down with a ruler or draw a line with a removable pen 2" down from the top edge of one of the outer panels
- 6) Position the top edge of one of your channel pieces centrally underneath the line and pin in place
- 7) Repeat with the other outer panel and cord channel
- 8) Stitch in place using along the top and bottom long edges using a securing stitch at the start and end of each seam. Leave the narrow ends unsewn to allow your cord to thread through
- 9) If you are adding eyelets skip to step 16
- 10) Take your fabric tabs and press in half **widthways** wrong sides together, open back up and press the raw edges in towards the crease line. Fold the 2 folded edges on top of each other and press.
- 11) Top stitch the tabs down both sides using a 1/8 seam allowance and press in half once stitched
- 12) Measure 1" up from the bottom corner and 1" across from the side edge.
- 13) Place your tab with the folded edge inwards with 1" of folded tab on the outer fabric, leaving an overhang as shown in the video tutorial
- 14) Baste in place with a 1/8" seam allowance
- 15) Trim off overhanging excess
- 16) Place both outers right sides together and stitch down both long edges and along the bottom
- 17) Then place both linings right sides together and repeat, leaving a 3" opening in the bottom to turn through later
- 18) Remove the bulk from all four corners
- 19) Turn the lining in the right way
- 20) Place lining inside the outer so that the 2 bags are now right sides together
- 21) Line up the side seams first and then clip or pin around the top edge
- 22) Sew all the way around the top edge
- 23) Turn the bag in the right way through the hole in the lining and close the hole with a 1/8 seam allowance or by hand
- 24) Press really well and top stitch the opening at the top of the bag so the lining does not roll forward
- 25) If you are adding eyelets, be sure that the corners are really well poked out and press flat with plenty of steam. Make a mark 1/2" in and up from the bottom corner and punch your hole here. Set your eyelet using a setting tool
- 26) Cut your cord in half and attach 1 end to a safety pin. Thread in through one side of the channel and go all the way around the bag and back out on the same side.
- 27) Take the cord down through the tab or eyelet and then secure in a knot.
- 28) Repeat with the 2nd cord starting on the opposite side this time
- 29) Admire your finished bag, take some photos of it and upload them to our social media channels.

