

LINED DRAWSTRING BAG

SUPPLIES NEEDED

copy of School of Sewing fabrics
on materials list rotary set: mat,
cutter, ruler coordinating thread

iron

scissors

pins

fabric marking pen large safety
pin

SKILLS TAUGHT

Rotary cutting, boxed corners,
edge stitching, sewing a casing,
pressing/sewing your own
“ribbon”.

Class Prep

Be sure plenty of cutting and pressing stations are available. Students will be doing a lot of both! Have a sample made in order to help students visualize fabric placement, particularly for directional prints. This lesson will be heavy on the cutting instruction, so showing a variety of rulers and rotary cutters and mats can be helpful. Likewise, you can also demo the different types of fabric marking tools available.

Teaching the Class

Step 2. Note the directional fabric placement instructions. Encourage students to double check their layout before sewing.

Step 3. This is a great place to reinforce setting seams and pressing open.



Step 4 & 5. Help students mark openings so they are sure to leave those places open when sewing. Show with double pins or fabric markers for some variety.

Step 7. This can be tricky for a first timer. But once they see it, they will be hooked! Explain that larger square cutouts yield deeper boxed corners. Students can really customize future projects!

Step 9. This can be a great place for a thread color change, if desired.

Step 10. They'll be excited to finish, but encourage them not to skip this step. It makes for a very polished finish.

Step 11. Depending on their accent fabric color, different marking tools may be needed. Explain what a casing is so that students understand the importance of the marked lines meeting up.

Step 17. Point out the tip in the instructions about using a fabric leader. Demo an edge/ ditch foot here to really help students see how useful they are for edge and topstitching!

Step 18. Threading with a safety pin might actually be a new concept to your students. So really watch or demo to be sure they bring that drawstring all the way around the bag and have it exit at the same opening as the other end of the drawstring. Encourage them to avoid any twisting.

► **If your students would like to show off their finished bags, send a photo to**

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