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TAKE-ALONG DRAWSTRING BACKPACK

- MATERIALS:**
- Fabric piece for the backpack (15x36)
 - Two tabs to hold the drawstring at the bottom of the backpack (3 inches each)
 - Two pieces of drawstring, one for each side (1-1/2 yards each)

Materials you will need in addition:

- Thread for your sewing machine
- A safety pin to feed the drawstrings through the casings
- Light pencil or fabric marker (optional)

STEPS:

1



Iron under 1/4 inch down the long side of the fabric. Then fold this over and iron it down again. Repeat this on the other long side.

2



Sew down each of the four ends on the long sides 3-1/2 inches.

3



You are now ready to complete the casings for the drawstrings. Iron under 1/2 inch on the short side of the fabric. Then fold this down 1-1/2 inches and iron again. Sew the casing close to the folded edge, inserting the *Sew Good Goods* tag as you go.

Pro tip: with a light pencil or chalk marker, mark the fold lines on the right side of the fabric. This makes ironing a breeze!

4



Repeat step 3 on the opposite short end of the fabric (no need to insert another tag). You have now completed the casings for the drawstrings.

5



Fold the bag in half, wrong sides together, lining up the casings. Pin the side, inserting a folded tab 1/2 inch into the seam and one inch from the bottom of the backpack. *Make sure the side folds remain intact as you pin.* Stop pinning at the casing stitch line. Repeat on the other side.

6



Sew the sides together, making sure to catch the tabs in the seam allowance, and stopping at the casing seam line. You have now finished sewing the bag.

Pro tip: If you sew these side seams starting at the bottom of the bag, it will be easier to have a neat finish at the casing seam.

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Knot one end of a drawstring and insert a safety pin for feeding through the casing.

Feed the drawstring through the casing. When it comes out on the end, feed it through the other casing so the two ends of the drawstring end up on the same side of the backpack. Next insert one end of the drawstring through the tab at the bottom and tie the two drawstring pieces together.



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Repeat step 7 on the other side and you are finished!.



THAT'S IT!

Take along your backpack to school, the gym, the market – anyplace!

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