Drawstring Gift Bag

Steps for Making the Drawstring Gift Bag:

1. Any size fabric can be used. Here are some suggestions:
   - Small: 8.5” x 13” fabric, 20” ribbon x 2
   - Medium: 12.5” x 20” fabric, 28” ribbon x 2
   - Large: 17” x 25” fabric, 36” ribbon x 2

2. Zigzag stitch around the entire piece of fabric getting as close to the edge as possible. This will help prevent fraying.

3. Next, lay the fabric on the wrong side up.

4. At each corner, make one cut. Each of the cuts are 2” (for small) or 4” (for medium and large) in from the short sides (left or right edge), and 0.5” from the long sides (top or bottom edge). MAKE ONLY 4 CUTS.

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- Fabric
- Ribbon
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Thread
- Fabric scissors
- Sewing pins
- Iron
- Safety pin
5. Fold each of the cuts in towards the center of the fabric and press them all down with an iron.

6. Next fold the short sides so the edges align with the cut. Press down with iron.
7. Stitch down at 1/8” to NEW EDGE. Repeat stitching down on the other side. Make sure to back stitch.

8. To make the channel, stitch ¾ inch from the prior stitch. It will be helpful to use a piece of tape to mark the seam guide.

9. Optional: make boxed corners by sewing into the seam.
   a. Fold in half with wrong sides together.
   b. Fold up from the bottom 1 inch and press.
   c. Unfold and flip the project over.
d. Fold up from the bottom 1 inch and press
e. Open project, and put right sides together
f. You’ll see 3 lines from pressing. Fold the 1st line
   pressed line to the 3rd pressed line. Pin together.
g. Now you should have right sides together with a tuck
   folded into the bottom, like an “M”. Pin the fold closed
   on the seam.

10. Fold right sides together and pin (making sure to fold the
    boxed corner closed on the seam).
11. Stitch at 1/2” seam allowance on both sides (black dotted
    line). Make sure to back stitch.
12. Turn the drawstring pouch to the right side.

13. Next, thread the ribbon through the channel with a safety pin and tie a knot on both ends.
   a. Thread the first piece of ribbon starting on the LEFT side of the casing
   b. Thread the second piece of ribbon starting on the RIGHT side of the casing

14. Optional: Hand sew a stitch where the casing ends meet to help extend the life of the bag. Go back and forward a few times to ensure the stitch.
15. Tada! Your bag is done!

Inspired by: How to Make a Very Easy Drawstring Bag (Free Pattern in 4 Sizes) - (mindymakes.com)