

Drawstring Rucksack Instructions



Materials

2 x fabric pieces 15" x 17" for main body

2 x fabric pieces 14" x 4" for casings

2 x tapes 66"



Sew a 1/4" hem on the short sides of the casing.



Press 1/4" turnings on the long sides.



Press in half, wrong sides together.



Overlock or zigzag top end of main piece and press a 1/2" turning.



Slot the folded casing piece over the main piece and stitch through all thicknesses. Beware it's quite chunky at the end, marked with red circle!



With wrong sides together, sew a 1/4" seam round the sides and bottom of the rucksack. This is the first step of a French seam.





Trim seam, clipping corners to avoid bulk, turn inside out and press.



Place a folded label towards the bottom of what will become the outside, with the raw edges up against the seam you've just sewn, and pin in place on the wrong side.



Complete your French seam by sewing round the sides and bottom again at 1/4".



Turn right side out and press. Using a safety pin, thread one tape through both casings.



Starting at the opposite side, thread the second tape through both casings.



Tuck the loose end of each tape under and attach near the bottom of the rucksack's long side, sewing securely through all thicknesses. Repeat on the opposite side.