

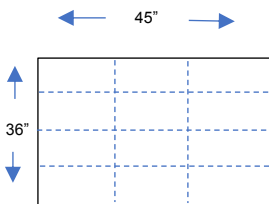
Draw String Bags

Supplies:

One yard of fabric yields 12 bags (children's prints are best)
20" of rat tail or cording

Cutting:

Cut the fabric into 9" strips selvage to selvage. Cut these nine-inch strips into thirds, which makes the rectangles about 9" x 13 or 14".



Method:

- Press down $\frac{1}{4}$ " on one long side of fabric.
- Fold fabric right sides together making a rectangle about 9" x 7".
- Sew the 9" side stopping about 3" before you get to the top. Backstitch.
- Press the seam open from bottom to top, including the area left open.
- Stitch the pressed sides of the opening beginning at upper left side down to a few stitches below the side seam. Make a quarter turn, stitch a couple of stitches over the side seam, another quarter turn and then back up to the left top. This will finish the raw edges of the casing.
- Press down another inch to form the casing.
- Lay the rat tail or cording on the top of the bag and fold the casing over it.
- Sew the casing. Do not catch the cording in the stitching.
- Tie the cording in a knot to form the drawstring.
- Do not sew the bottom of the bag – the kids will do this at our events