

Directions for sewing a "Blessing Bag"

Materials needed: durable, washable fabric * 44" by 16"; 45" drawstring (i.e., boot lace or sturdy cord); coordinating thread, pins, safety pin, sewing machine, iron. (*By cutting across width of fabric, there is little waste.)

1. Fold 44" by 16" fabric with right sides together. Project now measures 22" by 16". Folded short edge serves as bottom of blessing bag.

2. Pin two longest sides. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, sew pinned sides.

Optional: finish edges of sewn sides with a zigzag stitch or a serger.

3. Make casing for drawstring: at top raw edge, fold 1/4" toward wrong side of fabric; press. Fold same edge another 1"; press. With a narrow seam allowance, sew the casing, leaving an unstitched opening of 1" for inserting drawstring. (Backstitch at either side of 1" opening of casing)

4. Attach safety pin to drawstring; thread drawstring through casing. Knot ends of drawstring. Turn blessing bag to right side; press.

