

## Drawstring bag



### You will need:

- two rectangles of fabric for the body of the bag (approx. A4 size, 9 x 12")
- two lengths of ribbon double the width of your bag
- scissors
- pins
- sewing machine
- iron

1. Pin the material right sides together leaving the top open. Sew together using a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance, pivoting at the corners.
2. Sew around the 3 sides stopping 2 inches from the top on each side.

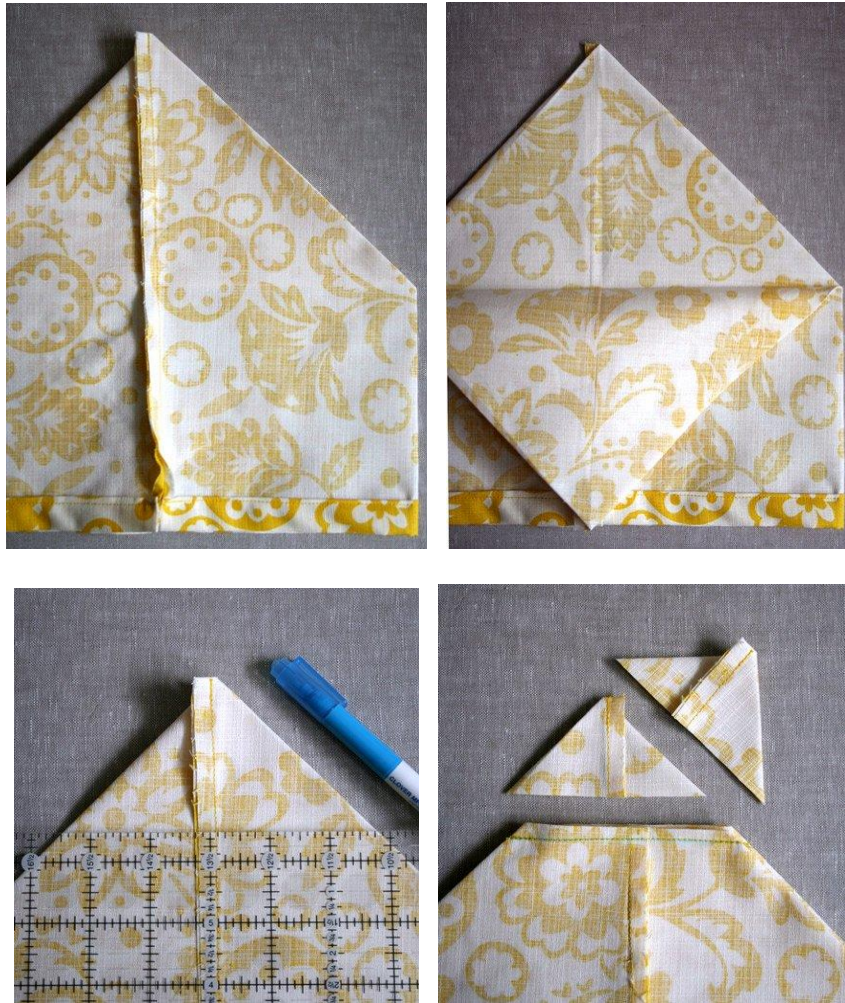


3. Fold and iron a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch hem on the 2 inch portion of the fabric where you did not sew the seam (on the left and right sides).





4. Make the gusset if you wish to have one – this is optional: Fold both corners of the bag so that the side seam of the bag is running exactly down the middle of the corner point. (Note: You will be sewing your gusset seam exactly perpendicular to the side seam.) You will want both gussets seams to be sewn at the exact same angle so that the gusset isn't askew. Measure, sew across and then cut off the excess corner leaving a ¼" edge.



5. Thread your ribbon through the drawstring channel on one side of the bag and then back around the other side so that you have both ends of the ribbon on one side. Repeat with the other ribbon starting on the opposite side of the bag. Leaving approximately 4 or 5 inches of the ribbon on either side, tie the ends in a knot and cut off excess. The bag will cinch when you hold the knots on either side of the bag and pull outwards.



And that's it ☺