



## DRAWSTRING BAG SEW INSTRUCTIONS

Great News: You can sew this bag by hand; you do not need a sewing machine! A simple needle and thread works just fine.

### MATERIALS

- 9" x 15" square of Heavy Duty Nylon, Ripstop Nylon or a Cotton/Polyester blend fabric. Please choose fabric that has a "Camo" pattern or muted colors like Tan, Brown, or a shade of Military Green.
- Needle and thread to match the fabric. We suggest a heavy duty quilting thread!
- Thimble to push the needle through multiple layers.
- One piece of 550 Paracord 24" long with sealed ends. If you don't have paracord, a strong piece of lightweight rope works just fine.

Feel free to use a sewing machine and take advantage of how quickly you could make this bag.

We suggest that you double thread your needle for strong seams! To double thread your needle, simply thread your needle and pull the thread through until the ends meet. Tie both ends of your thread together making it a double thread!

You can make 8 bags out of just ½ yard of material! Fold the fabric to make an 18" x 30" rectangle, fold again to make a 9" x 15" rectangle and cut along the folds. You will end up with 8 pieces that are ready to be made into bags!

Use 550 paracord for the tie. By doing so, they can use that piece of cord in an emergency.

Put some extra stitches in the corners to reinforce them.

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1. Begin by laying your fabric face down.
2. Create and sew a ½” seam on both 9” sides of the fabric.
3. Pin your seams before sewing to keep your seams even and stitch the seam.
4. Lay the paracord at the top of the fabric along the 15” edge and fold the fabric over it by making a ¾” seam. Pin your seams before sewing to keep your seams even.



5. Sew the seam making sure not to catch the cord in your stitches!
6. Tie a good knot on each end of the cord so it can't be pulled through the pocket by mistake.
7. Fold the fabric in half inside out. Pin along the edges before sewing to keep your edges even as you sew. Sew around the bottom and side making sure not to sew the cord pocket closed.

8. Use a “whipstitch” and keep your stitches close together. Remember, your seam needs to be as strong as the material you are using to make the bag.
9. Turn the bag inside out and you have created a Drawstring Bag!



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