

Canvas Drawstring Bag

Name _____ Period _____

Mark off each step as you complete it. Be particular and follow instructions completely.

Materials:

- 1 yard of canvas fabric cut into:
 - One 17"x 10" rectangle (large outside pocket)
 - Two 17"x 21" large rectangles (main body)

- 1. **CUTTING THE FABRIC:** With RIGHT/NICE sides together and selvages together, cut out one large rectangle (17"x 21").
- 2. Unfold your fabric and cut out one large pocket (17"x 10").

- 1. **LARGE POCKET:** Serge one of the long edges of the large pocket.
- 2. Fold the serged edge down 1" and press (WORNG SIDES TOGETHER).
- 3. Sew the fold of the pocket down, 5/8" from the serged edge, backstitching at both ends. PRESS WITH THE IRON
- 4. Draw a line down the middle of the pocket.

- 1. **MAIN BODY:** Place on the table, ONE of the large rectangle pieces RIGHT/NICE side up.
- 2. Line up the bottom of the large pocket with the bottom of the main body of the bag.
- 3. Pin all the way around the pocket.
- 4. Sew the bottom only with a 1/4" seam.
- 5. Sew the pocket line. Start at the bottom of the pocket and sew up. At the top of the pocket, sew a triangle for strength.
- 6. Re-pin the sides, if needed. Sew around the sides and bottom with a 1/4" seam.
- 7. Serge around EACH of the main body pieces SEPERATELY. (DO NOT PUT THEM TOGETHER).
- 8. Put the two main body pieces together- RIGHT/NICE sides together, pocket in the middle.
- 9. Measure down 3" from the top on each side and put a pin there to mark it. Pin the rest of the sides and bottom together.

- 10. Sew 5/8" seam, starting from the 3" pin mark down all around (pivoting at the corners) to the other pin mark 3" down from the top on the other side. PRESS WITH THE IRON.
- 11. Put your bag on the tip of the ironing board like a sleeve on an arm. Using a press cloth, press the side seams open, making sure the top 3" sections are pressed the same width as the sewn seam allowance. (CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING) The 3" opening is called the "slit".
- 12. Starting at one side of the slit, at the top, BACKSTITCHING, sew 3/8" down, stopping and pivoting 1/4" past the bottom of the slit, sewing across the seam allowance multiple times by sewing and backstitching a few times for strength. Finish sewing up the other side to the other top, backstitching at the end.
- 13. Do the same with the other slit.
- 14. At the top of your main body, back side, FOLD 1 1/2" down towards the INSIDE. Line the top of the serging to the sewn line. PRESS and pin down. (CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING)
- 15. Sew on the top line of the serging all the way across the top. This is the casing for the drawstring.
- 16. Repeat the same thing for the front side of the bag.



- 1. **DRAWSTRINGS:** Have your teacher measure you for the drawstrings. Have your teacher melt the ends to prevent unraveling.
- 2. Using a large safety pin, pull the drawstring through the casing, as demonstrated by your teacher.
- 1. **GROMMETS:** Put grommets in the bottom corners as demonstrated by your teacher.
- 2. Pull one of the drawstrings through the grommets and tie them together using a knot.
- 21. **Fill out a rubric paper and turn it in!**

YOU'RE FINISHED!