

# T-Shirt Drawstring Bag

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## MATERIALS

- 1 T-shirt \*
- 3¼ to 3½ yards of nylon cording
- 2 large eyelets
- Four 1½" squares of fusible interfacing
- Thread to match
- Scissors
- Tailor's chalk or water soluble marking pen
- Ruler



# STEPS

\*An adult T-shirt was used for this bag. However, a child\youth shirt could be used to make a smaller bag – just scale down the measurements as needed. Additionally, other materials such as pillowcases, sheets, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. can be recycled and used in place of a t-shirt.



## Cutting

1. Cut nylon cording in half. Set pieces aside.



2. Cut two 15½" x 20" rectangles from the t-shirt.



3. On one long edge of one rectangle, measure down 2½" from the top edge and make a mark with chalk or a fabric pen. Repeat for second side.

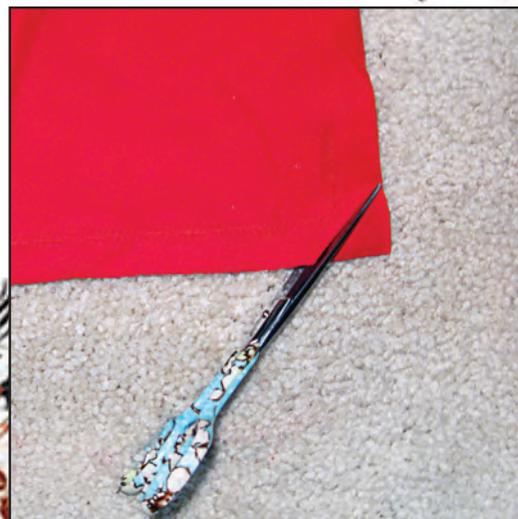


## Sewing

4. Place fabric rectangles right sides together, matching raw edges and marks. Begin sewing at the 2½" mark, sew down one long edge, stitch across the bottom, and sew up the second side, ending at the second 2½" mark.



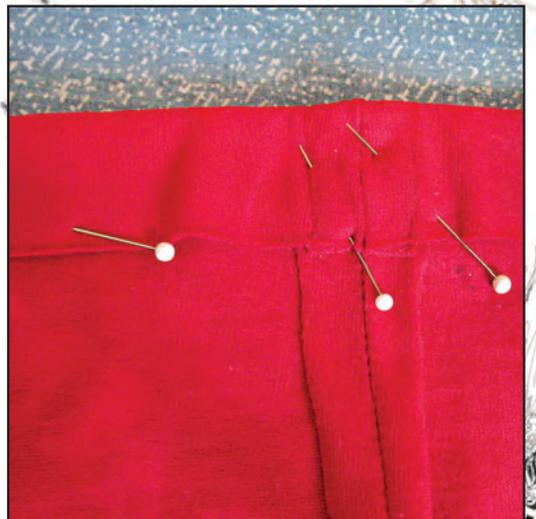
5. Clip corners and press seam allowances open.



6. Fold back the seam allowances along the open, top area of the bag; press. Stitch close to the raw edges. Repeat for all four edges.

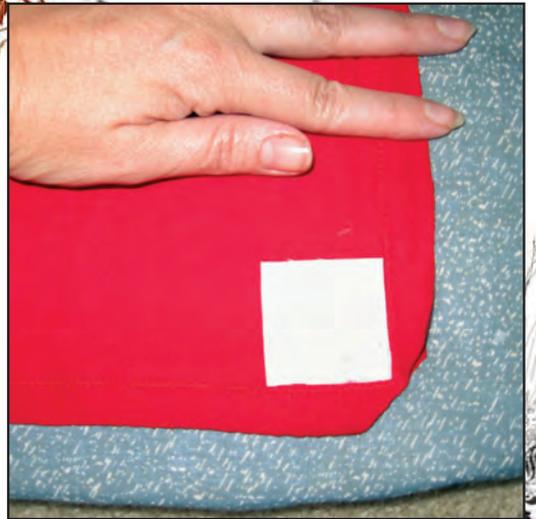


7. Fold the top edge of the back under  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ", joining the two finished, open edges at the seam line. Press and stitch in place. There will now be two open areas on the sides of your bag.

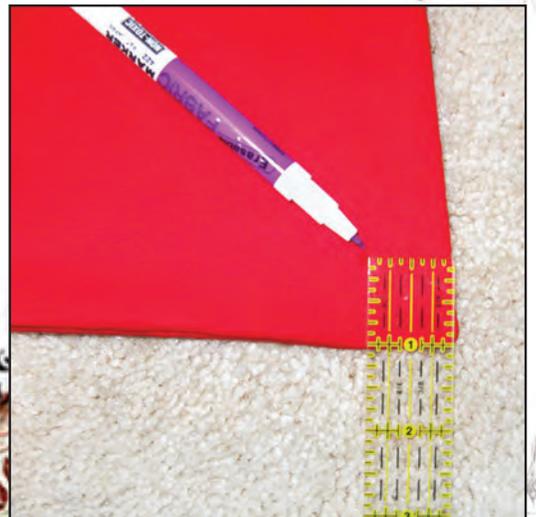




8. On the wrong side of the material, fuse a 1½" square of interfacing to the bottom corner along the seam line. Repeat for all four corners.



9. Turn bag right side out. From the bottom corner, measure up and over 1"; mark with chalk. Repeat for the second side.



**10.** Attach eyelets to the bag, centering them over the marks. Apply eyelets according to manufacturer's directions.



**11.** Measure up 3" from the bottom corner and mark. Then measure over 3" from the bottom corner and mark. Connect the marks, creating a diagonal line. Sew over the line, stitching through both layers of material. Repeat for the second corner.



**12.** Insert cording through bag: Insert cording through the eyelet from the back of the bag and lace it through the front opening along the top edge. After coming out through the opposite edge, re-insert cording through the back opening, creating a loop between the two open edges. Pull the cord through the back opening and thread it through the right side of the eyelet. Knot the two ends together. Repeat for second side.



