

## Christmas Gift Drawstring Bag



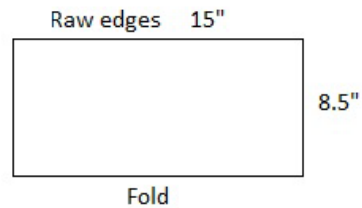
Finished Size: Approximately 13" x 8"

Materials:

- Two contrasting and complimentary pieces of fabric. 15" by 17" each. These can be Christmas themed fabrics, or any other fabric so the bag can be used throughout the year.
- Approximately 21" length of ribbon, cord, or yarn for the drawstring

All seams are  $\frac{1}{4}$ "

1. Fold one piece of fabric along the shorter side, right sides together, to make a rectangle 15" by 8 1/2 ". (The folded edge is a side of the bag.) Repeat for the other piece of fabric.



2. Sew across one 8 1/2" end of each piece. This will be the bottom of the bag.



3. Lay one rectangle on top of the other with the folded and stitched edges aligned.
4. Stitch the long edge through all 4 layers, starting at the bottom, and ending 1 1/2" from the top.



5. Turn the bag inside out so the fabric that you want on the outside of the bag is on the outside, and the other fabric is on the inside of the bag.



6. Stitch the top edges together.
7. Turn the top edge under  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and press. If you want the contrasting lining to be visible at the top of the bag, turn the edge to the outside of the bag. Otherwise turn it to the inside.



8. Turn again to create a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" casing and press.
9. Press a small triangle along the top side edges where the ribbon will go, and stitch it down.



10. Stitch along the lower edge of the casing.
11. Thread the ribbon, cord, or yarn through the casing for the drawstring, and knot the ends together.  
Tip: Attach a safety pin or needle to one end of the cord to work it through the casing.

