



No-Sew Drawstring Bag

Make an awesome drawstring bag, perfect to store and carry dice, candy, make-up, coins, collectibles, & more!



Ingredients (Included):

12x12 felt square
12x12 fabric square
20-24" twill tape or cord
Large wooden bead
Dice pattern

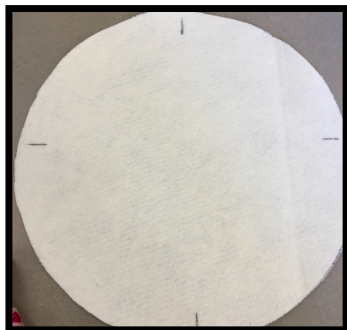
You Supply:

Small scissors or craft knife
Pins (optional)
Cutting mat
Ruler
Pencil

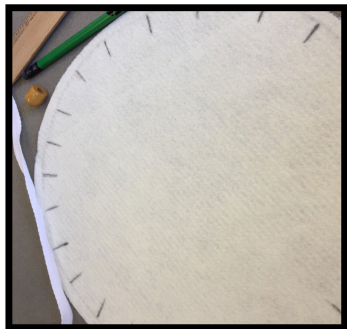
Directions:

Cut an 11 to 12 inch circle from your felt and then your fabric. A large dinner plate makes a great template. Make sure both circles are the same size.

Start with one of your circles and draw short lines at the top, bottom, and both sides of the circle. The marks should be about a 1/2 inch long and at least 1/4 inch from the edge. You can fold your circle in half both ways to find the center point at each side.

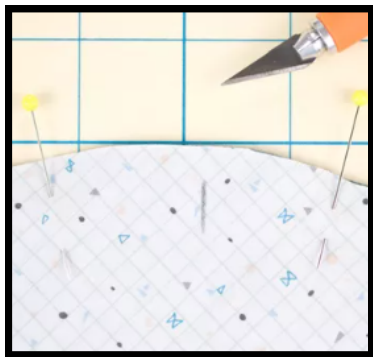


Then continue to make the same marks all around your circle, in between the four reference points, as evenly spaced as you can. You should end up with 16-24 evenly spaced marks.



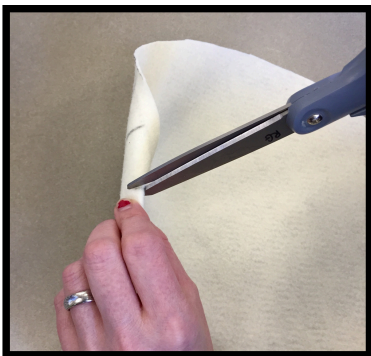
Directions, cont.:

Next, you'll want to cut holes for the drawstring. You can use scissors or a craft knife. If using a craft knife, place the circles on a cutting mat. Place the circle with the marks you made on top and the other beneath, and make sure you can cut through both. (I made my sample with just the felt to make it easier to see what I was doing.)



To make this easier, you can pin the two circles together so that they don't shift around while you're cutting.

If you are using small scissors, flip your circles over and fold the edge so that you can see your first mark. Snip along the mark to create the hole. In this case, put the circle that doesn't have the marks on top. Continue doing the folding and snipping along all of your marks.

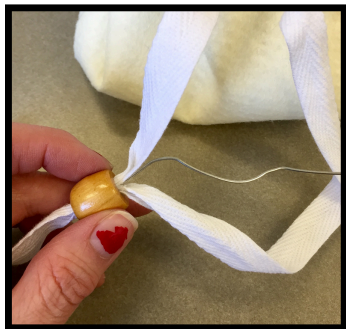


Directions, cont.:

Now it's time to weave the drawstring through the holes. Both of the circles should be held together. As you make your way around the circle, you will need to gather the edge of the bag together so the drawstring can go through all of the holes.



5. To finish off the drawstring, slide a large wooden bead over the two ends of the cording and tie the ends together with a large knot. This will prevent the bead from sliding off the end. Slide the bead toward the bag to hold the dice bag closed.



If you have trouble fitting the cord through the bead, you can use a straightened paperclip or toothpick to help shove the cord through. With thinner cord, you can thread it through a tapestry needle and send the needle through the bead.

Directions, cont.:

Your bag is done! Want to make another? Experiment! Here are some ways you can customize your drawstring bag!

- Use different size circles to make bigger or smaller bags.
- Use a hole punch instead of scissors or a craft knife (you will need a thinner drawstring for this).
- Use different kinds of cord for the drawstring.
- Decorate the cord ties with beads or charms.



- Like to embroider? Before cutting the holes for the drawstring, embroider a small design on the felt. Place your pattern so it is horizontally centered and about 1" above the center vertically.

I'm including the dice pattern shown here in a few sizes for anyone interested in embroidering their bag on their own. Place it in the middle and one inch above the center. You'll need an embroidery needle and floss and tracing paper. Check out this tutorial:

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/tracing-paper-transfer-method-1177383>



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