

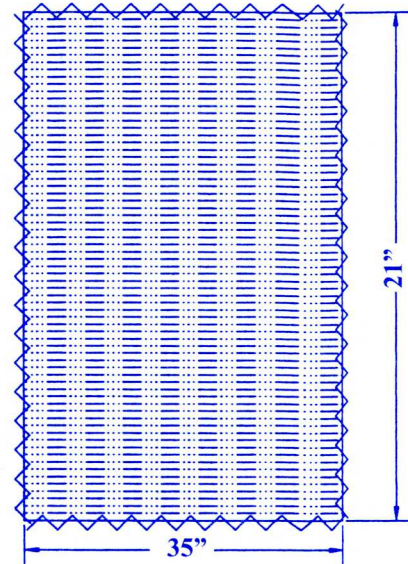
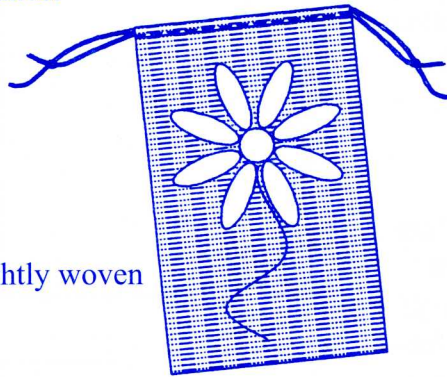
# LAUNDRY BAG (2)

## Sewing Skills You Will Learn

1. Measure and cut fabric to size.
2. Stitch 5/8" seam allowance.
3. Zigzag raw edges.
4. Make a casing.
5. Insert a draw string.
6. Pressing.

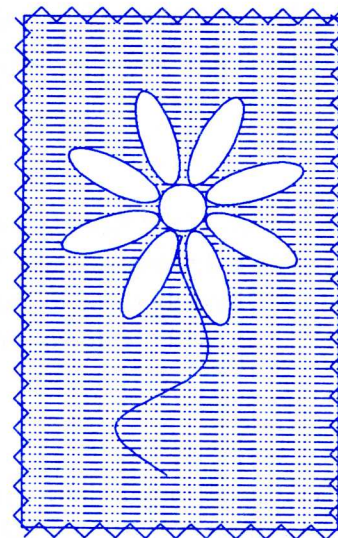
## Supplies Needed:

1-yard medium-weight, tightly woven washable fabric  
3-yards 1/4-3/8" cording  
Matching thread



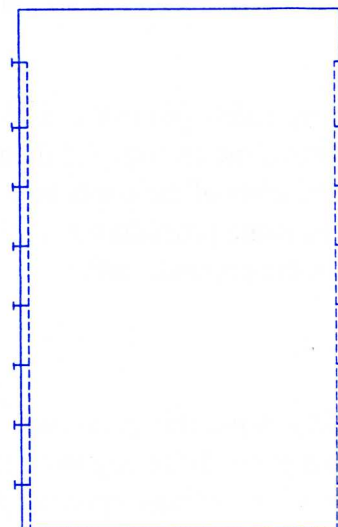
STEP 3

- Step 1. Preshrink your fabric.
- Step 2. Straighten the crosswise ends of your fabric. (Check your member manual for information on Grain Perfect Fabric.)
- Step 3. Cut two panels of fabric 21" wide by 35" long. Zigzag the edges to keep the fabric from ravelling.
- Step 4. **(OPTIONAL)**  
Decorate the front panel of your bag using any washable technique you'd like. Examples include iron-on applique, embroidery, puff paint, dye, etc. Keep the design at least 4" from the top of the bag.



STEP 4

- Step 5. Pin the front of the bag to the back, right sides together. At the top of the bag, place a pin 3 1/2" down from the top edge. Begin stitching your 5/8" seam at that 3 1/2" mark, and stitch to the bottom of the bag. Be sure to backstitch at the beginning and end of this seam. Press seams open. (Also press 5/8" seam allowance on the 3 1/2" above stitching) Repeat for the other side of the bag.

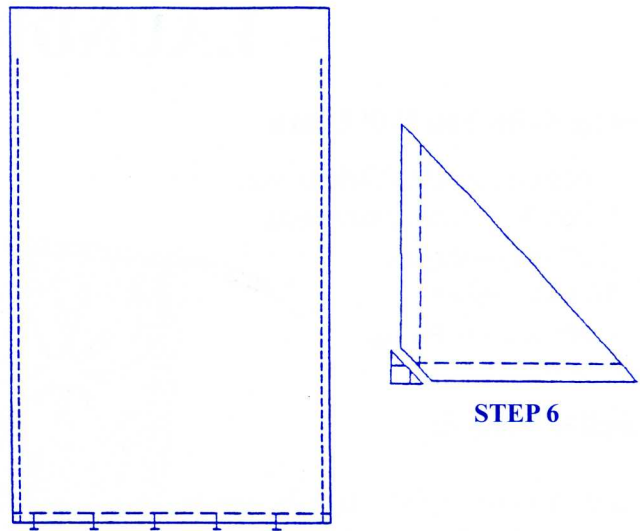


STEP 5

**TIP: Always sew in the same direction.**

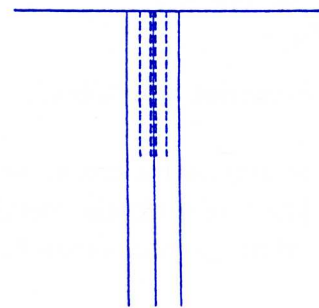
If you start at the top on one side, be sure to start at the top on the other side, too.

Step 6. Stitch a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam across the bottom of the bag. Again, don't forget to backstitch at the start and end of your seam. Reinforce the corners by stitching on top of the side stitches 2" from corner, pivot at corner, and continue 2" beyond the corner, repeat for other corner. Clip the corners close to, but not through, the corner stitches.



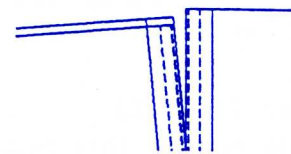
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Step 7. At the top of the bag in the  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " area above your seam, reinforce the  $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance by stitching through both the seam allowance and the fabric; first, very near the fold, and again  $\frac{3}{8}$ " from first stitches.



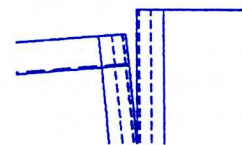
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Step 8. Fold the top edge of the bag  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side. Pin and press. Remove pins.



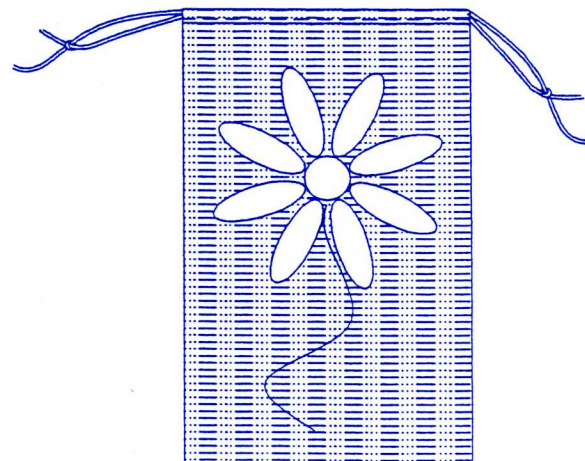
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Step 9. Fold each of the top edges down again 1". Pin and press in place. Stitch each edge separately close to the lower fold. This will create your casing.



STEP 9

Step 10. Fold the cording in half. Put a piece of transparent tape around the middle of the cord and cut through the tape. This will keep the cord from unraveling.



STEP 10

Attach a large safety pin to the cord. Work it through one side of the casing, and then through the other. Tie the ends of the cords together in a knot. Repeat the same procedure with the other cord, starting at the opposite end.

### You're finished!

How else could you use this great bag?  
It would make a great duffel bag to carry clothes to camp or overnight outings, sporting goods, all sorts of things!