

Pillowcase Removal Bags

Sewing Project to Serve Foster Kids in Northeast Indiana

When a child enters foster care, he or she often has to leave their home quickly and are given a trash bag to carry their limited items. You can help to change this for children in our community! This sewing project provides small, compact bags for child welfare workers to use for a child's belongings. It might seem like a small detail, but to a child this will make a lasting impression.

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Instructions to make Pillowcase Bags:

Fabric- Medium to Heavy weight “kid friendly” fabric, 2 pieces approx. 22” Wide and 28” Long. If you buy the fabric off a bolt it usually is 45” wide and so you can fold in half lengthwise. You can also go to donation centers like Goodwill and Salvation Army for fabric, sheets and pillowcases in kid friendly fabrics as long as the weight of the fabric is durable and in good clean condition.

Cording to make a Drawstring Bag- A piece of 3/16th inch poly cord (or similar) about 50-55” long. The cording should be long enough so that when the bag is opened there is room to go beyond the 22” width.

Handles to make a Handle Bag- Cut two pieces of fabric for the straps 2.5”X30”. Fold in half, and stitch a 1/4” seam all around. Attach the straps to the top of the bag 8” apart, reinforcing heavily.



Pillowcase Drawstring Bags Specific Instructions:

Material:

Pillowcase, Sewing Machine, Sewing Pins, Sewing Thread, Cotton Rope (3/16th inch diameter)

Directions:

1. Remove the hem from one side of the pillow case, 4 inches
2. Fold over each side of the cut
3. Sew to make a hem, make sure to sew down and reinforce the middle
4. Make sure the hem is tight and ready
5. Fold the top of the pillowcase over about 1-1 ½ inches or to the old hem. Pin.
6. Sew, taking out the pins as you go along
7. Flatten out
8. Measure out 55 inches of rope
9. Pin a safety pin onto the rope.
10. Feed it through
11. Tie a triple knot on each end of rope
12. All Done!

