

# Making a goodie bags to fill with nice stuff

Remember safety guidelines when sharing things; Studies show that Coronavirus can stay on cardboard packaging for 24 hrs and on plastic for up to 3 days. Drop deliveries on doorsteps, ask the people who get the delivery to wash the contents or keep it in a safe place for 3 days before opening, washing hands after handling. Shower and wash clothing after the delivery.

You will need:

- 1 piece of woven, non stretch fabric approx 95x35cm
- 1 piece of woven, non stretch fabric approx 50x15cm
- Sewing threads, pins
- Ideally a sewing machine, but you can do this by hand, it will just take longer.

## 1 - Measure and prepare the fabric

With a woven fabric, the easiest way to prepare it is to make a small cut on one selvedge (the finished edge of the fabric) and then tear across to get a straight edge. Measure and tear the correct size pieces to make your bags.

## 2 - Make the handle

Use the smaller piece of fabric, Fold along the long edge, then fold again, and again, so all the raw edges are tucked inside and you have one long strip overlapping down the middle. Sew all the way down the middle with a straight stitch.

## 3 - Hem the bag

On both short edges of the bigger piece of fabric, fold the edge over twice and sew along it to make a neat hem.

## 4 - Pin handle onto sides

Pin the handle you've made in step 2 onto the right side of the bag, 15 cm from one end, on both sides of the bag - so it goes across from one long side to the other.

## 5 - Construct the bag

Fold the end with the handles over, so that it overlaps and covers the handles. Pin in place. Bring the other short end of the bag up so it overlaps and reaches almost to the handle. Pin in place.

Sew down both long sides of the bag, over both layers of fabric and the handle. Double stitch the handle for strength.

## 6 - Finishing

Finish the seams by either using a zig zag stitch, an overlocker, or folding the seam under and stitching along the seam allowance. This will make the bag stronger and look neater.

Turn your bag the right way out - it's finished and ready to fill with goodies!