

HOW TO MAKE A LARGE DUFFLE BAG

MATERIAL NEEDED

Heavy duty cotton fabric cut to these sizes

*rectangle for bag body 44" wide X 34" long

*rectangle for pocket 16" wide X 14" high

*circle 14" diameter

*Cord 60" of ½ cord

Instructions:

1. Press ½" on each side of pocket piece. Turn down ½" twice on top edge. Sew in place
2. Attach pocket to body. Line up bottom edge and sew sides in place. Sew twice ¼" apart. Sew down center of pocket to divide it into two sections
3. Using ½ seam, sew sides of body together to 1 ½ " of top edge. Press seam opened and sew each side in place. This will prevent seam from raveling.
4. Turn down ½" on top edge. Press. Then turn down 1". This will be your casing. Sew close to edge. Sew again on top of first stitching for added strength. You now have a tall cylinder of fabric ready to join to the base.
5. Keep the right side of the fabric on the inside of your cylinder and turn the whole thing upside down. Fold the edge in four and mark those four spots with pins. Fold the circle into four and mark those four points with pins. Then match the pins on the circle to the pins on the bag body with right side of the circle facing the right sides of the cylinder piece. Add more pins to help line up edges carefully
6. Sew the base to the cylinder using ½ seam. Stitch again and zigzag edge to prevent raveling.
7. Turn the bag right side out. Thread the drawstring cord through the casing at the top of the bag using a safety pin. Tie ends in a knot.