



A very special THANK YOU to Carol Raymond for putting these instructions together for Beads of Courage Bead Bags.

BEAD BAG PATTERN

Supplies needed:

100% cotton only (no flannel) for boys and girls, ages young to teens.

.3 meter for outside bag

.3 meter for inside bag (coordinating fabric)

1.3 meters Cording: narrow 100% polyester knit cord (avail @ Fabricland)

"Beads of Courage" labels

OUTSIDE BAG:

Front side: Cut 1 piece of fabric 11" X 13 ¾"

Back Side: Cut 1 piece of fabric 11" X 13 ¾" same as front side fabric or coordinating fabric to the front.

To assemble:

On "front" outer bag piece **stitch "Beads of Courage" label on** using blanket stitch. Place ~ 2" in from right side seam and 3 ½" up from bottom of bag.



With wrong sides together stitch 2 pieces (front and back) together using a 3/8" seam allowance leaving a ¾" opening on both side seams close to top of bag. Before stitching seam allowance mark with a pin the opening 1 ¾" and 2 ½" down from top of bag. Important to **Backstitch at both top and bottom of bag on seam allow. and @ ¾" opening. Opening is for the drawstring.**

Press side seams open.

INSIDE BAG (lining):

Cut: 2 pieces of coordinating fabric 11" X 13 ¾"

Stitch: 2 pieces together using a 3/8" seam allowance. Backstitch at top and bottom of bag on seam allowance.

Press side seams open.

Putting bag together:

Put right sides of tubes together matching side seams. Stitch around **TOP** of bag at ¼".

******Take note where label is and make sure stitching around top of bag.**

Now turn so wrong sides together and press around top.

Keeping the bag right side out lay flat and line up the bottom edges.

CHECK: Trim the bottom of bag (if there has been any shift in the fabric) so cut edges are even.

Stitch across and through all 4 layers at 1/8" seam allowance. Make sure you are catching all 4 layers.

Now turn the bag wrong side out and stitch again across the bottom of bag with a 1/4" seam allowance. (use a tight stitch length) The 1/8" seam allowance will be sandwiched between layers. This is called a French seam. All raw edges will be enclosed now.

DRAWSTRING CASING:

Turn bag right side out and press. Stitch all around bag through both layers of fabric 1 1/2" from top and then again 2 1/4" from top. This will create the slot/casing for the drawstring cords.

DRAWSTRING CORD;

Cut: 1.3 meters of preferred color of cord. Cut the cord in 1/2 to have 2 pieces measuring ~ 24".

Using a big eyed needle thread one piece of cord through the **RIGHT** slot (opening on seam allowance) all the way around and back out the **"same" RIGHT** slot.

Melt the cord ends with a flame (match) to secure cord from unraveling. Now tie the two ends in a big knot so knot is at the very end.

Do the same as above for the **LEFT** slot.

Your Bead bag is now complete to gift to a child in the Beads of Courage Program. Thank you for your handmade work of art that becomes the home of a child's Beads of Courage collection. Thank you for having the courage to care.

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