

## LINED DRAWSTRING BAG - Finished Size 14" x 18"

### Requirements:

All bags for the Special Care Baby Unit should be 100% cotton, including lining.

2 pieces of main fabric 14½" x 18½" (with the grain of the fabric running parallel to 18½")

2 pieces of lining fabric 14½" x 18½"

½" white tape – 2 lengths of 32"

Coordinating thread

Ruler

Large safety pin

Water soluble pen

Seam allowance ¼" unless otherwise stated.

Take one piece of main fabric plus a lining piece of fabric and with right sides together sew along one short side (14½"). Repeat this with the other two pieces of fabric. Open out and press seam to one side. This seam join will eventually be the top of the bag.

Lay a sewn strip *face up* on the table and position the other sewn strip *face down* on top so that right sides are together matching the main and lining fabrics. Pin along the raw edges lining up the seams so they are together. Leave a 6" space at the lining end, for turning later.

With a soluble pen mark both edges of the main fabric ½" down from the seam and again at 1¼" down from the seam. This ¾" space between the two marks will be left unsewn to create an opening for the drawstrings.

Start sewing at the lining bottom, continue up the side but stopping at the marked gap and backstitching. Start sewing again at the other side of the gap, again backstitching. Sew all around down the other side, stopping and starting at the marked gap as before, turn the corner to sew part of the lining bottom leaving the 6" opening. Clip the corners for ease of turning.

Pull the bag through the gap left in the lining so that the right sides are out. Push out corners and press to neaten. Press the opening of the lining under ¼" and stitch closed with a small seam allowance or slip stitch by hand.

Now push the lining back inside the bag (the wrong sides will be touching) until it fits comfortably all round and the top edge is neat – press.

Find the ¾" opening you left on each side of the bag. Mark a small horizontal line at the top and bottom of the opening. Using your soluble pen and ruler, extend the lines around the entire bag. This will be at ½" and 1¼" from the top edge.

Sew all the way around your piece on the lines you marked. Backstitch at the start and finish. You'll have two stitch lines, one above and one below the openings. This is the casing for the drawstrings.

Attach a safety pin (or bodkin) to one end of your tape. Insert the safety pin and tape into one of the side openings. Pull it through, passing the other opening, wiggling past the seams, all the way round and out the opening where you started. Even out your ends and tie together in a tight knot. Repeat with the remaining piece of tape but insert at the other side opening, all the way round and again out where you started. Finished!