

# DRAWSTRING BACKPACK

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Featuring *Wishwell*

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Finished project measures: 21" x 14" x 5-1/2"


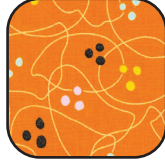
Difficulty Rating: **Beginner**

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## Fabric and Supplies Needed

Fabric amounts based on yardage that is 44" wide.

Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage	Color	Fabric	Name/SKU	Yardage
	A	WELM-20892-285 EMBER	1/2 yard		B	WELM-20895-148 PUMPKIN	1/4 yard
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## Notes Before You Begin

- Read through all of the instructions before beginning.
- All of the seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise noted.
- Press seam allowances open unless otherwise noted.
- Width of fabric (WOF) is equal to at least 44" wide.
- Right sides together has been abbreviated to RST.
- Remember to measure twice and cut once!

## Cutting Instructions

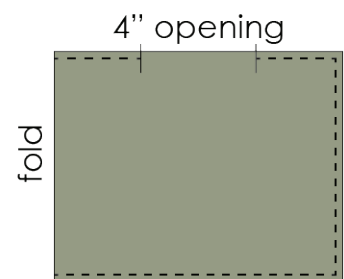
**From Fabric A, cut:**  
one 15" x 42" exterior

**From Fabric B, cut:**  
one 20" x 8" pocket

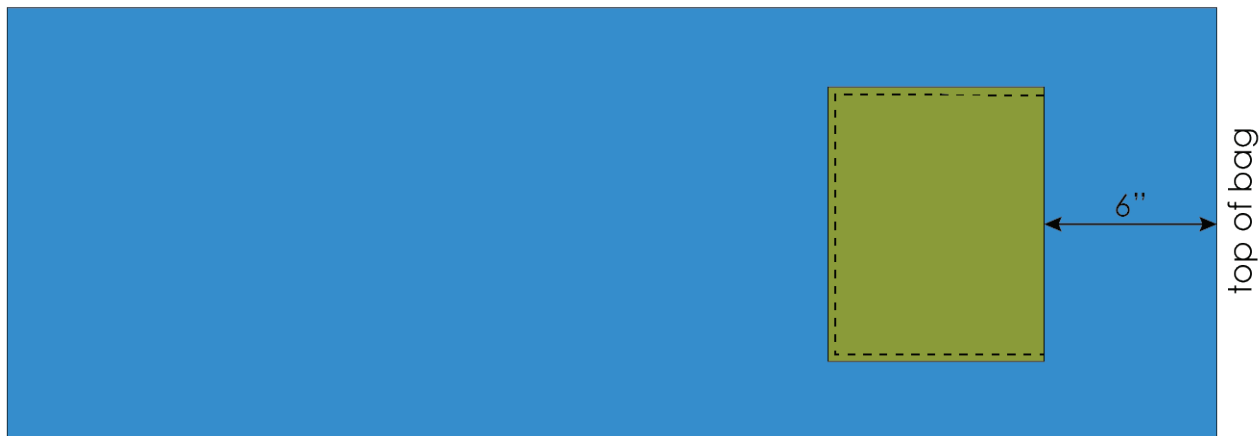
## Prepare the Pocket

**Step 1:** Fold the Fabric B pocket piece in half, right sides together, aligning the 8" sides. Sew around raw edges of the pocket piece, leaving a 4" opening along one long side.

Turn right side out and press.



**Step 2:** Place the pocket on the right side of the exterior piece, 6" from the top edge and centered left to right. Be sure the opening left for turning is along the bottom of the pocket. Edge stitch the left, right and bottom edges of the pocket to the exterior, sewing over the opening left for turning.



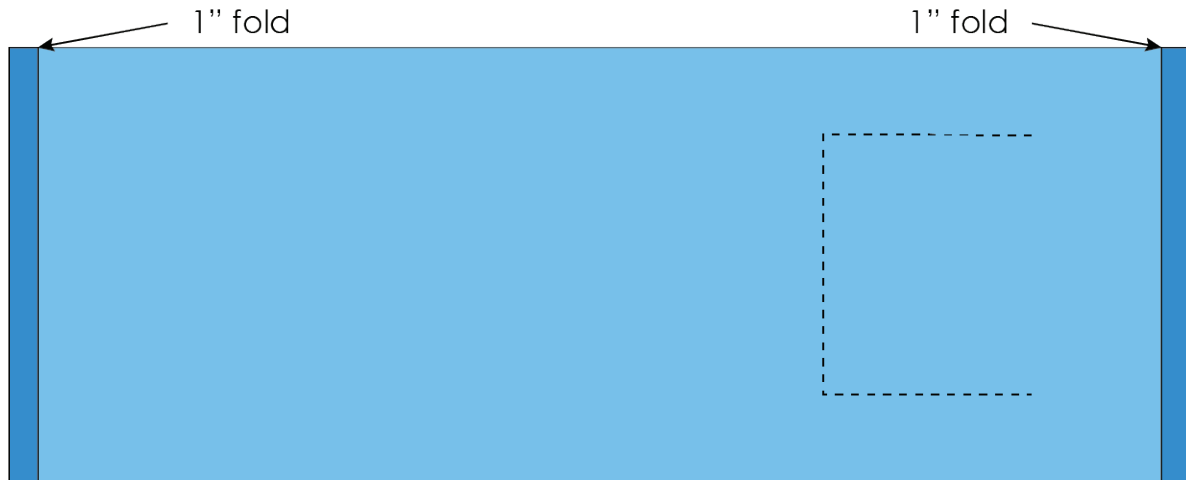
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**Step 3:** Finish both long edges of Fabric A by cutting with pinking shears OR sewing with a serger OR sewing a zigzag stitch at edge using regular sewing machine. This keeps your fabric from fraying when the bag is used.

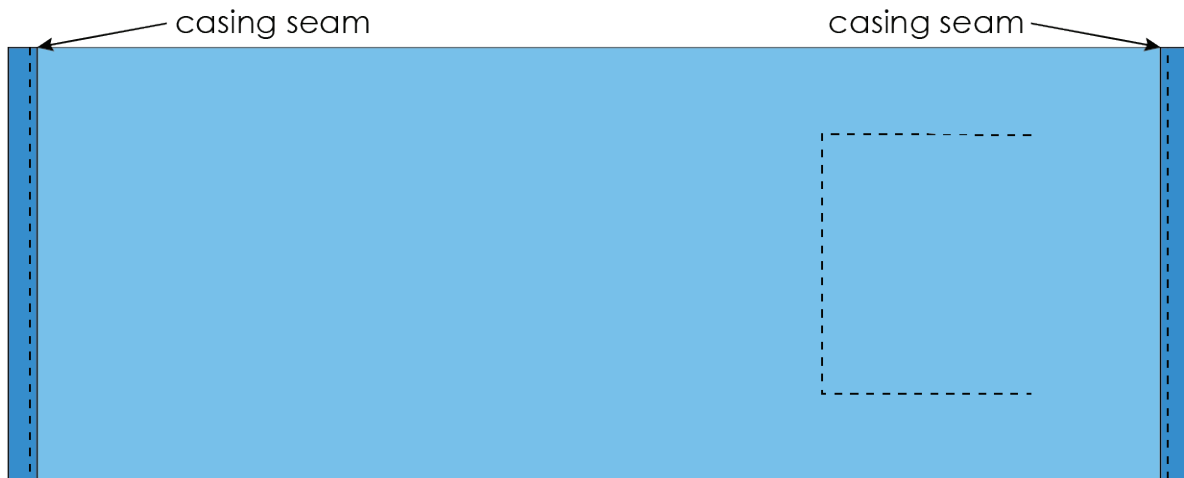
**Step 4:** Fold and press the 15" edge of fabric 1/2" to the wrong side and press. Repeat with the opposite 15" side.



**Step 5:** Fold and press the 15" edge, again, 1" toward the wrong side to create a casing for the cording. Repeat with the opposite side.

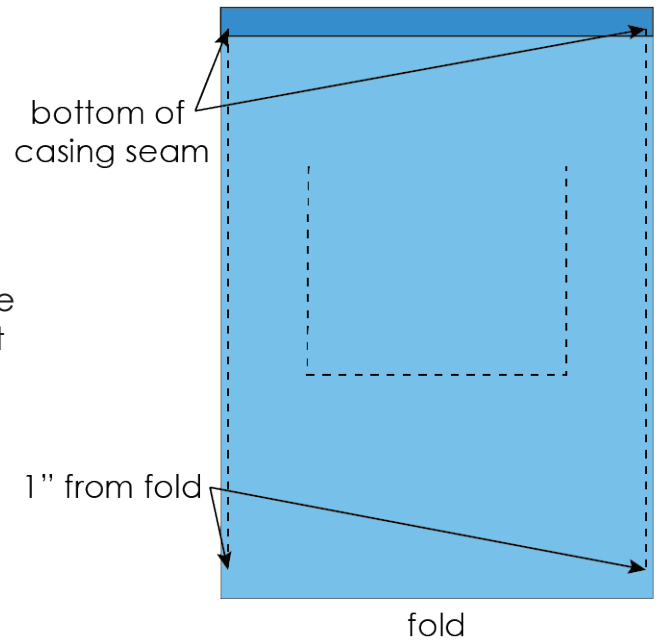


**Step 6:** Sew the casing close to the inner folded edge. Backstitch at the beginning and end to secure the stitch. *Do not sew the end of the casing closed!*

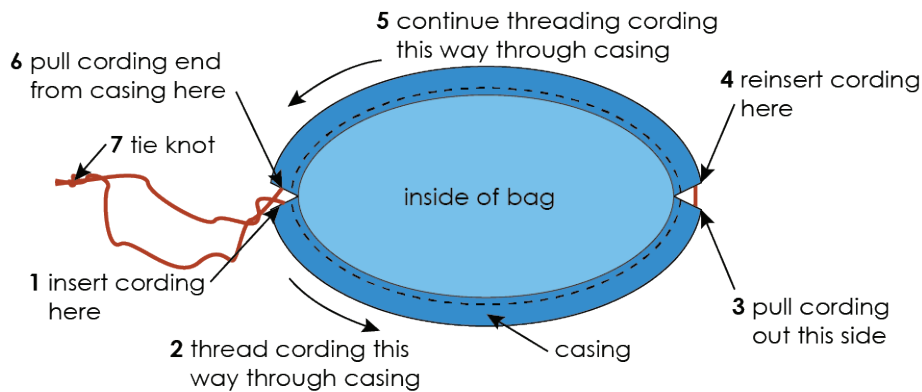


**Step 7:** Fold the fabric in half, right sides together and casings aligned. Pin along both sides of the bag.

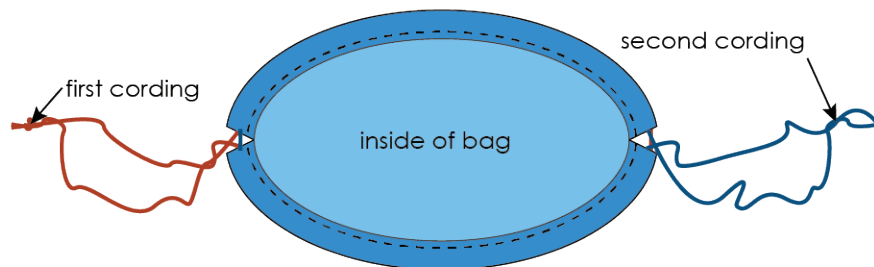
**Step 8:** Begin sewing at the bottom of the casing and stopping 1" from the fold at the bottom of the bag. Backstitch at both ends of this seam. Repeat on remaining side of the bag.



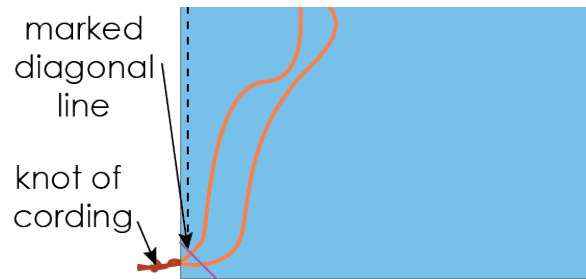
**Step 9:** Cut the 4 yards of cording in half, forming two 2 yard sections. Insert the end of one piece of cording through the casing on the left edge of the bag. Exit the casing on the right edge and re-insert the cording into the other opening on the same (right) edge of the back. Thread the cording through so that both tails of the cording will be on the left edge of the bag. Tie a knot at the end. Trim off any excess cording.



**Step 10:** Insert the remaining cording piece into the casing on the right edge of the bag. Thread through as you did in Step 9. Each casing will now have two pieces of cording running through it. Tie a knot as you did in Step 9.



**Step 11:** Turn the bag inside out. Stuff the drawstrings inside the back. Push the knot of the left drawstring through the opening in the lower left corner of the bag. Mark a diagonal line, making sure it overlaps the side seam stitches.



*Note: Bag is inside out with cording inside the bag (touching the right side of fabric). It is shown faintly through the fabric to demonstrate the layering.*

**Step 12:** Sew two to three passes of stitches on the marked line. You will want this seam to be secure. Sew slowly over the cording.

Turn the back right side out. Pull on the cording to close the bag. Your backpack is complete!