



Holly Lodge

Sewing instructions

Story Bags



Information

things you need

Outer Bag – 2 pieces, 15" wide x 17" tall / 38 cm x 43 cm from main fabric

Lining – 2 pieces, 15" wide x 17" tall / 38 cm x 43 cm of lining fabric

Casings – 2 pieces, 14" wide x 3" tall / 35cm by 8cm from either lining or outer fabric

Tabs – 1 piece, 12" wide x 2" tall / from 30cm by 5cm from either lining/outer fabric OR 12" of grosgrain ribbon or twill tape



Outer - right side



Lining - right side



Outer - wrong side



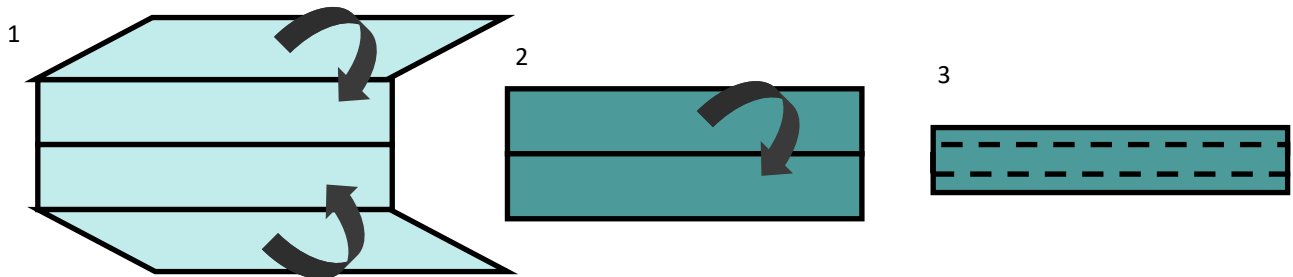
Lining - wrong side

Pattern is based on the one found here: which gives a more detailed "how to" if needed: <http://orangebettie.com/2020/04/20/easy-diy-drawstring-backpack-sewing-tutorial/>

Step 1—Make Tabs

Either ribbon, twill tape (folded in half and sewed along edges, or made from fabric.

To make from fabric, take tab fabric strip, fold in half lengthways. Open up and fold the edges to the middle. Fold along the crease again and sew along both edges to secure.



Cut long piece into 3—1 x 6" / 15cm, 2 x 3" / 7.5cm. 6" piece is the hanging tab, the two shorter pieces are the drawstring loops.

Step 2—Casings

Fold the short edges of both casing strips in wrong sides together by 1/2" and press. Sew along the edge to secure



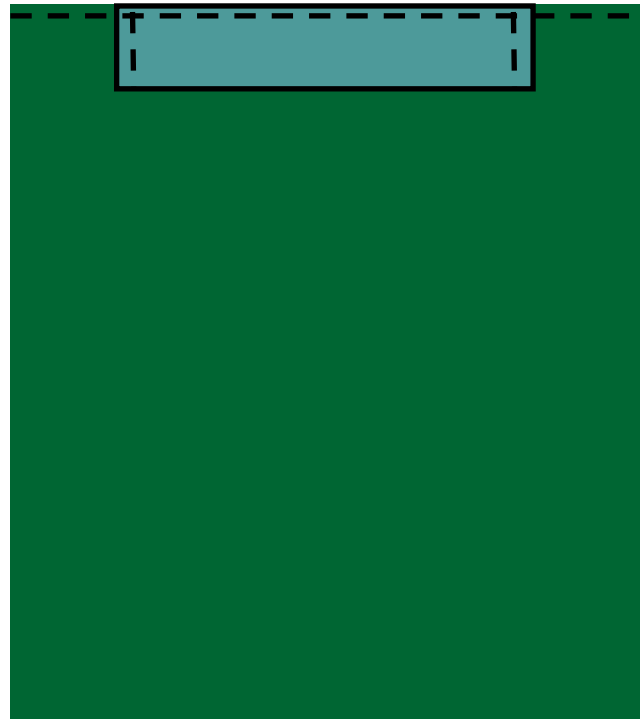
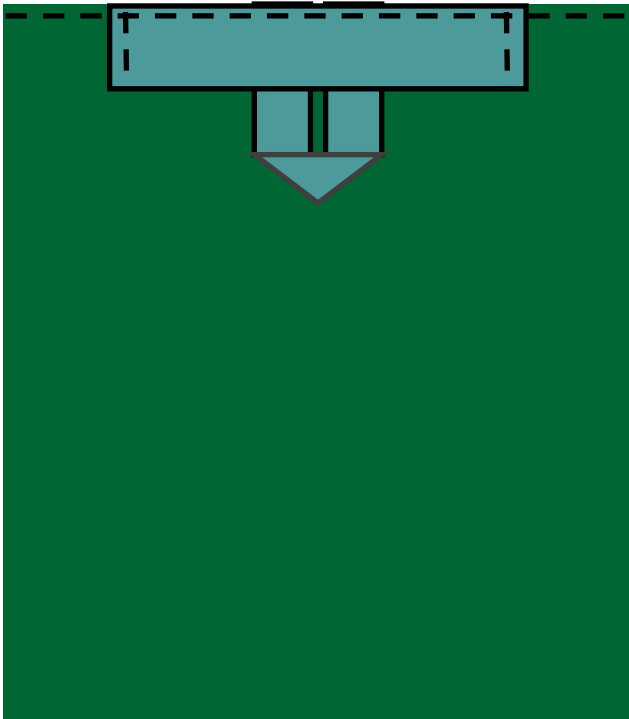
Fold long edges together and press



Step 3—Hanging Loop and casings

Take outer piece, fold to find the middle, and with bag right side up, place hanging loop (raw edge to raw edge). Place a casing with raw edges at the top on top of the hanging tab and pin both in place. Sew with a 1/4" seam allowance.

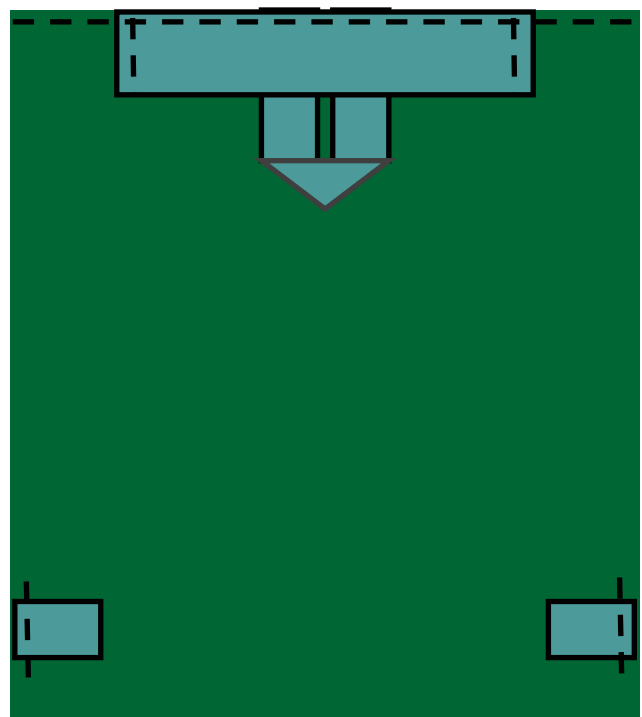
Repeat with second outer bag piece but without hanging tab.



Step 4—Strap tabs

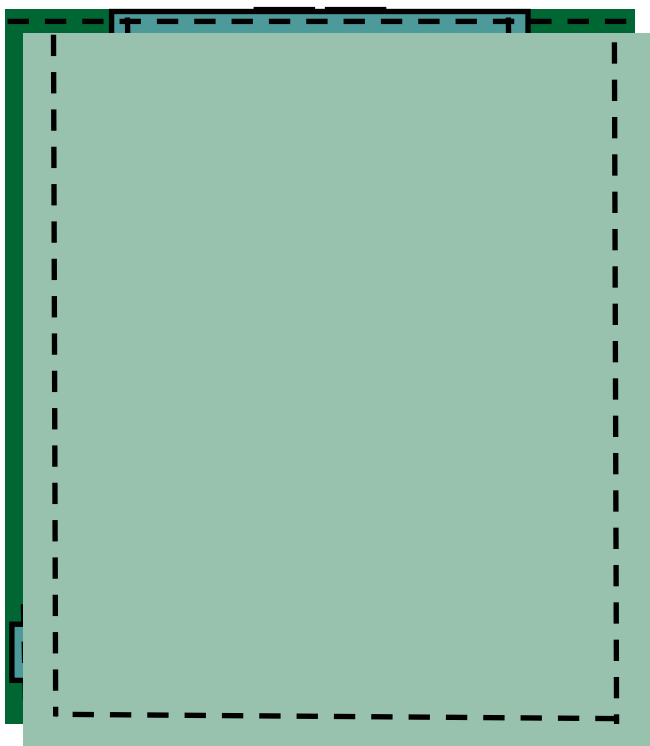
(NB you could chose to skip this step and insert an eyelet/rivet at the end to pass the cord through).

Fold over the two small tab pieces and with raw edges meeting raw edges, sew with a 1/4" seam to one of the bag front pieces. Approximately 1.5" from the bottom.



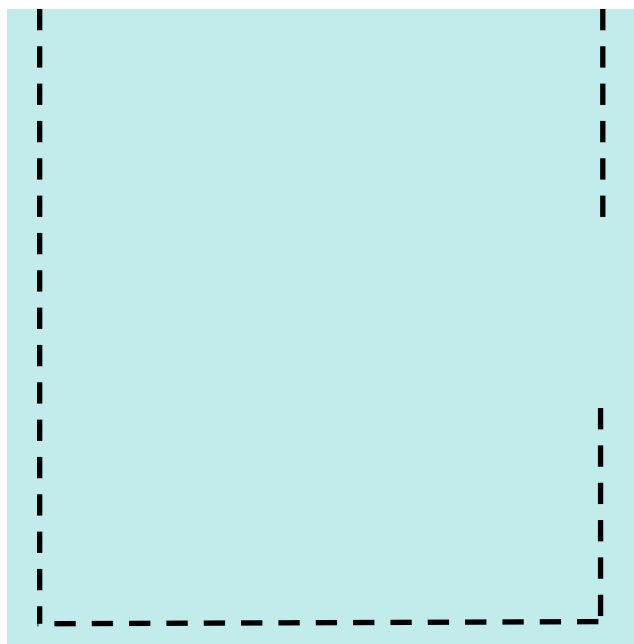
Step 5—Sew outer bag

Place outer bag pieces right sides together and sew with a 1/2" seam, leaving the top open. Clip the corners and turn the bag right sides out.



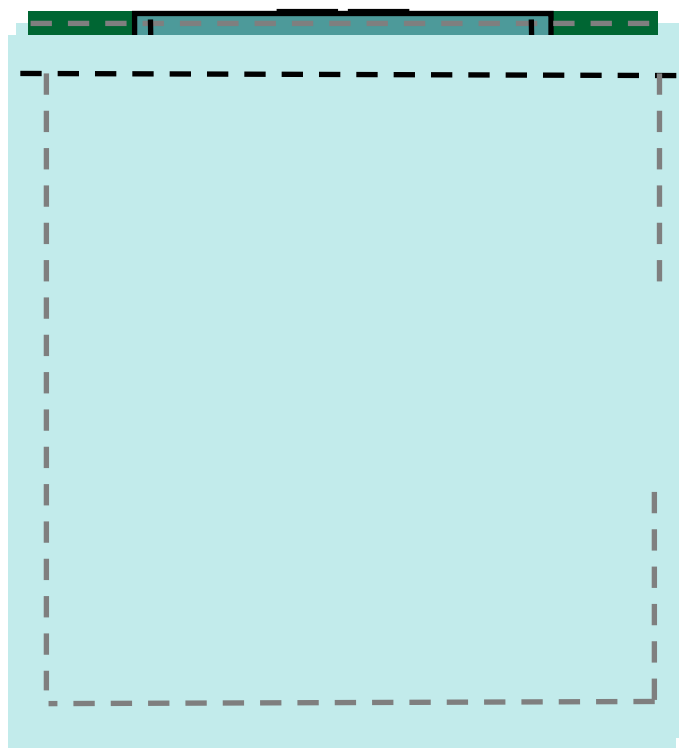
Step 4—Sew the lining

Place lining pieces right sides together and sew with a 1/2" seam, leaving a 3" gap along one side (for turning the bag later). Leave the top open. Clip corners.



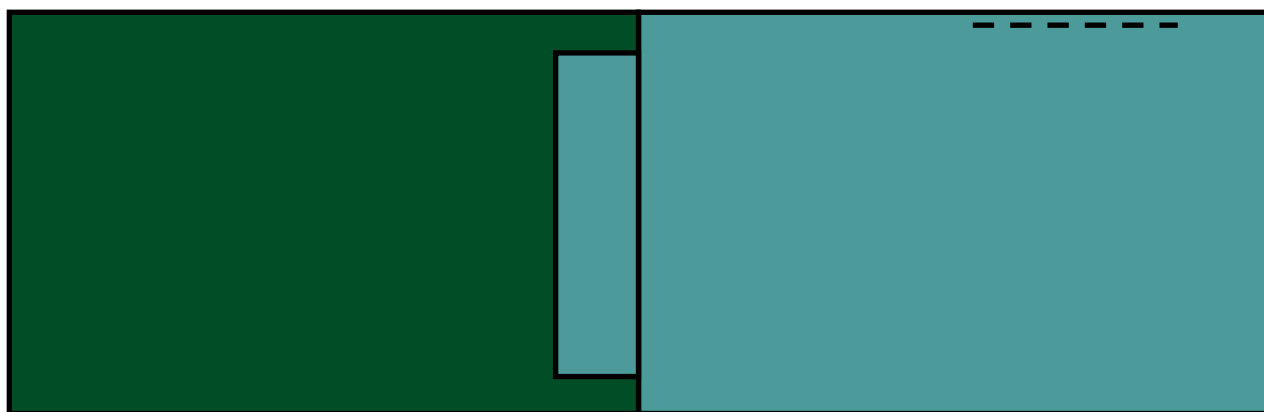
Step 7—Assembling the bag

Place outer bag (right side out) inside the lining (wrong side out) so that right sides are together. Sew the two pieces together around the top with a 1/2" seam.



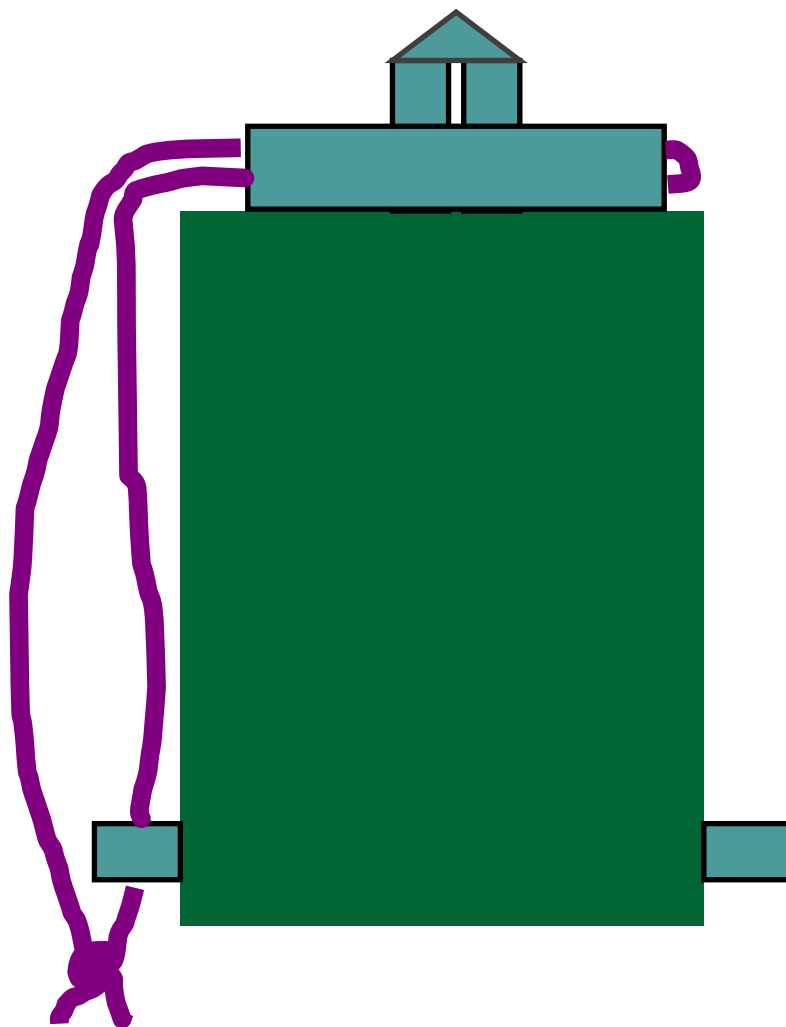
Ensure that casing is inside the bag (ie raw edges to raw edges)) before sewing.

Turn the bag through the side opening in the lining. Sew very close to the edge to close the gap, then push the lining into the outer.



Step 8—Thread the cord

Thread one cord through both casings, pass one end through the tab and tie the two ends together. Repeat on the other side.



Finished

Thank you! Your bag is now ready for life as a Story Bag at Holly Lodge Primary Academy!

