

How To

Transform an Old Shirt into a School Shoe Bag

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Equipment Needed

- * Card for the template pieces
- * An old shirt and scraps of fabric (For name detail and bag loops)
- * 3m of cord
- * Stitch Ripper
- * Dressmaker Pins
- * Hemming Web
- * Large Safety Pin (To help thread cords)
- * Needles and Thread to match fabric

Step One

Unpick the shirt and iron the pieces flat. Cut out 2 rectangle pieces from the shirt 44cmx33cm (Allow extra 1cm for seams). Create letter templates to personalise the shoe bag with a name. Cut out the card letters and pin onto your fabric scraps.



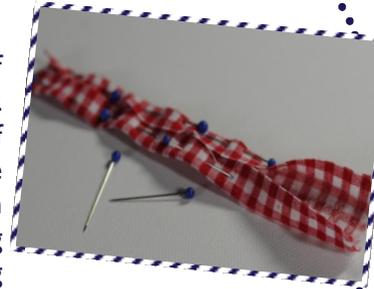
Step Two

Cut the letters out, arrange them onto the front of your bag and pin in place. With your chosen colour of thread, either hand sew your letters onto the bag or zig-zag stitch them using a sewing machine.



Step Three

To create the loops of the shoe bag cut 2 15cm long pieces of fabric that are twice the width of a 15cm long piece of Hemming Web. Lie the Hemming Web in the middle of the fabric strips, fold the 2 sides in and iron to fuse. Fold the 2 loops inwards width ways with the seam in the middle and tack the ends to finish the loop.



Step Four

Place the bag front on top of the bag back so that the name detail faces inwards. Measure 1.5cm up from the bottom of the bag and pin in the loops for the draw strings. (These also must face inwards). Pin or tack the 2 rectangle pieces together ready for stitching. Remember not to sew along the top of the Shoe bag. Start sewing the shoe bag inside out starting 6cm from the top of one side, sewing along the bottom edge of the bag and finishing 6cm from the top of the other side of the bag. Feed the bag through so it is no longer inside out.

Step Six

Turn under the top edges of the bag 3.5cm and iron flat. This will be the casing for the drawstring cord. Leaving a gap for the cord, sew the flap created with a running stitch. Thread both cords through the casing with a large safety pin. Pass the cord through the fabric loops on the bottom of the Shoe Bag and knot the ends. If necessary tidy up the edges to complete your Shoe Bag.



Tips:

- * Try using pinking shears to get a zigzag edge on fabric letters to create a different effect.
- * Why not use Hemming Web to attach the name letters onto the shoe bag instead of sewing.