

Dear VOH Supporters,

Thank you to all of you who have responded about the Drawstring Bags!!! You are awesome!! Here are the instructions. There is a link to a You Tube video but the written instructions are size specific for what we need. These bags can be shipped along with your Christmas Gifts if you are doing that. If not, I will send shipping instructions and a mailing label for you to print out in another email very soon. Everything needs to be shipped to VOH, Inc, 300 East Yamato Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431 by Sept 15th to get there in time. **IF** it is not possible to be finished by then, you could ship them to me by early December and we will hand carry them in our luggage for the Christmas trip, but it will cost \$40 for a second bag fee. Let me know which you would prefer and HOW MANY you will make. Color does not matter! The more colorful the better.

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<http://www.skiptomylou.org/2010/02/18/a-drawstring-bag-tutorial/>

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| 1. | For the VOH Christmas bags use a piece of fabric 13 inches by 32 inches. You may use any cotton or cotton/poly fabric, any color and design. NO KNIT FABRIC PLEASE. The finished bag will be approximately 12"x14". |  |
| 2. | Turn each short end under 1/4 inch and stitch along the edge. |  |
| 3. | With right sides together stitch long sides together using a 1/2 inch seam, stopping two inches from the top. |  |
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| 4. | ‘Pink’ edges and press side seams open. At the top where the side seam is open, stitch around the opening on each side. |  |
| 5. | Fold top edge down 1 inch and stitch all the way around close to the bottom edge. |  |
| 6. | Cut two pieces of ribbon or cording or ‘curled’ tee shirt strip, about 30” long each. Feed one piece through casing and back out the other casing coming out on the same side of the bag. |  |
| 7. | Repeat with second cord on opposite side |  |
| 8. | <p>Tie the string ends on each side together. (You can hide the knots in the casing part if you work at it)</p> <p>Ta da!!!</p> |  |

Here is a link to a great parachute cord to use for the drawstring. It comes in many beautiful colors!

http://www.amazon.com/Black-Strand-Nylon-Braided-Parachute/dp/B0036Q50FK/ref=sr_1_6?ie=UTF8&qid=1373230161&sr=8-6&keywords=cord

Or you can use strips of tee shirt fabric (pulled and curled) which is very strong and looks nice.

Thank you for your gift of these special bags for the students and staff at Village of Hope. They will enjoy these bags for many uses. Let me know if you have any questions.

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