

# U.S. Troops Drawstring Bag

## Materials:

Fabric – ½ yard

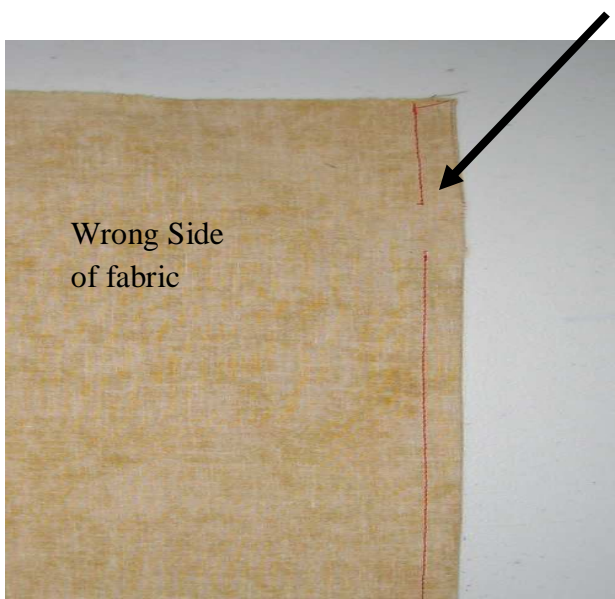
Drawstring cord – 1 yard

Cord Lock (optional)

## Directions:

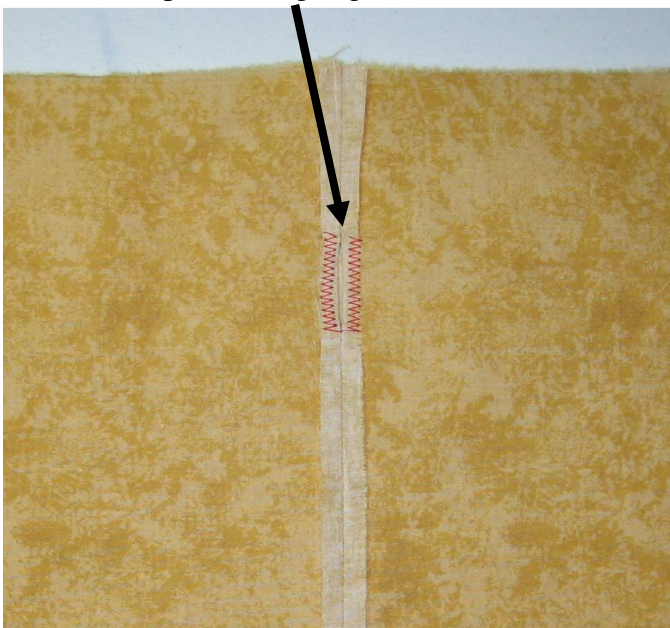
Cut fabric 17" x 30".

Fold fabric **WRONG** sides together and sew in a ¼ inch seam for 2 inches along the side seam, back stitch, leave a 1 inch space, back stitch and continue to sew the length of the seam.

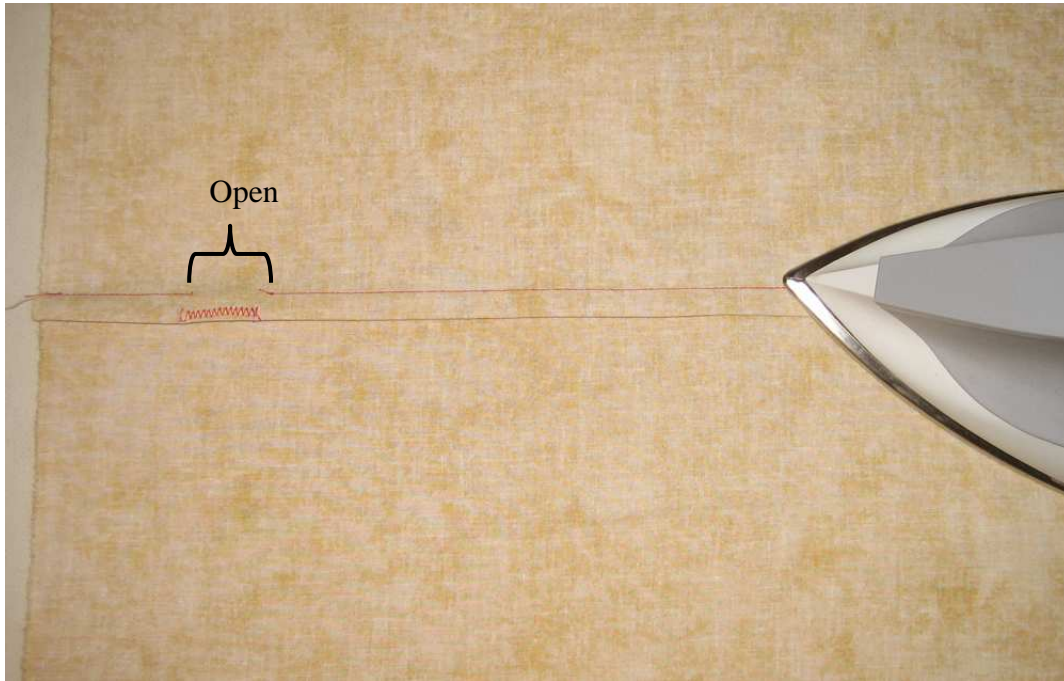


Trim the seam close to the stitching.

Press seam open and zig zag the seam allowance to the main fabric on both sides of the opening.



Turn bag with RIGHT sides together now and press flat along seam line and stitch a 3/8 inch seam over the 1/4 inch seam allowance. Stop 2 inches down and leave a 1 inch opening like before, backstitching at the beginning and ending of each seam to secure. This will create an enclosed French Seam. Press seam to one side.



Turn the bag RIGHT side out (wrong sides together) and stitch along the bottom seam with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Trim the seam close to the stitching line. Turn bag WRONG side out (right sides together) and press the bottom seam flat and stitch across the bottom seam again with a 3/8 inch seam allowance. This will create another enclosed French Seam.



Fold the top of the bag down 1 inch to the inside of the bag. Press.

Fold the edge under 1 inch again (total of 2 inches) to form the 1 inch casing. Press and pin in place. Stitch all the way around. Notice that there is an opening in the seam.



Insert the drawstring cord into the casing and either thread it through the cord lock or tie the ends together.



**You're done!**

**Enjoy!**