

## Simple Grocery Bag Holder

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Quick and easy plastic Grocery Bag Holder finishes at approximately 8” Diameter x 17 ½” Long. Please read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.

### **Supplies**

1 fat quarter

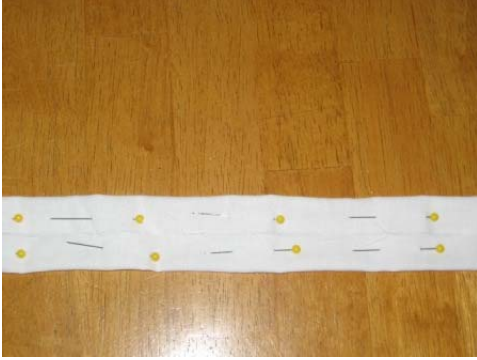
¼ yard coordinating fabric

Needle & matching thread

Needlenose pliers

### Instructions

1. Cut a 16 ½" W x 21" L piece from fat quarter.
2. Cut a 3" W x 30" L strip from coordinating fabric to make the drawstring.
3. Cut another strip from the coordinating fabric measuring 2" W x 8" L to make the hanging loop.
4. To make the drawstring and hanging loop, fold ends to meet in the center.

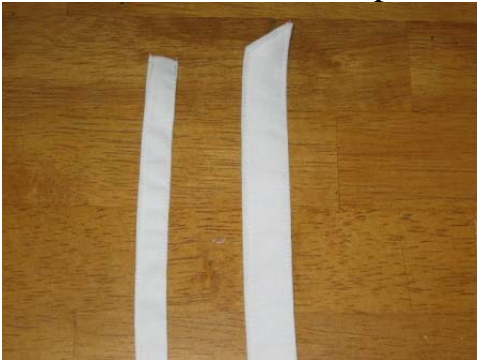


Ends meet in center

5. Then fold in half. You will want to angle both ends of the drawstring.



6. Sew around the perimeter of both. Finished drawstring will measure ¾" W x 30" L. Finished loop will measure ½" W x 8" L.



Finished drawstring and loop

7. Turn under bottom of holder 1 ½". Pin to hold.



8. Place drawstring on top as pictured below and turn bottom under 1 ½" again.



9. Center the drawstring and pin in place.



10. Sew top and bottom edge of fold so that the drawstring can move freely.



11. From about 1/2" on each side, cut a 3/4" slit in the front piece of fabric to pull drawstring through. **Be sure to pull drawstring out of the way before cutting slit.** Whipstitch the sides of the slit to prevent fraying. Pull drawstring through the slit with Needlenose pliers.



Whipstitch and use Needlenose pliers to pull drawstring through

12. Turn under the top of the bag holder 1/4" TWICE to hide raw edge. Sew to hold.



13. With right sides together and drawstring secured out of the way, sew the bag together in the back.



Pin Drawstring to secure

14. Turn right side out.



Back of bag holder

15. Gather the top of the bag. Double the strip you made for the loop. Insert in the gathered hole at top. Sew to hold the loop and gather in place.



16. Add plastic grocery bags, pull drawstring and tie to hold grocery bags inside.



Feel free to make these grocery bag holders for fun or for profit using this pattern. Email us at the email address above if you have any questions. Please give designer credit to Sew Practical.

