

TOILETRY BAGS AND CONTENTS INSTRUCTIONS

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OVERVIEW

Toiletry Bags are drawstring bags which hold basic toiletry items. These bags (with contents enclosed) are given to those in need (e.g., hospitals, refugees, those within an emergency such as a bush fire) across Western Australia. We are grateful to receive just the bags alone, or the toiletry items alone.

Guidelines:

- 1/2 meter of cotton fabric
- 1m of ribbon or nylon cord for a drawstring
- Rotary cutter and mat (optional)
- Quilting ruler (optional)

Instructions:

1. Using your rotary cutter, ruler, and mat, cut two pieces of fabric, 15 inches wide and 17 inches long.
2. Using your overlocker (serger) or a zig zag stitch on your regular machine, sew along the top edge of your two fabric pieces. This will reduce fraying as the bags will be washed often.
3. Place the right sides together and stitch all the way around the 2 sides and the bottom of the bag. Leave a 2" opening in the top right corner. You can see in the below picture I've marked it with a pin.
4. Using your overlocker or zig zag stitch, finish the seams you've just sewn.
5. Turn the bag on the right side out.
6. Where the gap is in your top right seam, gently finger press the raw edges under and stitch them down. This will form the loop at the top where your drawstring will enter and exit the bag.
7. Turn the bag inside out again so the right sides are together.
8. Make the casing for the drawstring by folding the top of the bag over. Give it a press so that the gap in your top right seam is folded in half. Sew the casing down along the edge where your overlocked / zig zagged stitches are.
9. Use a safety pin to easily thread the ribbon through the casing.
10. Turn your bag out. Trim your ribbon and tie a knot. Snip any stray threads.

Please Note: Other types of toiletry bags, or bags that mimic a toiletry bag (such as a travel pouch with zip) will be accepted. Please ensure these aren't damaged or soiled.

Accepted Toiletry Items:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lip balm
- Pocket tissues
- Disposable razors
- Comb or small brush
- Deodorant
- Pocket mirror
- Bar of soap
- Face washer cloth (small)
- Shower cap
- Moisturiser