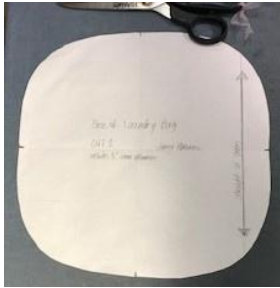


UP-CYCLED Pillowcase/Bed sheet Laundry bag Pattern

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Pre-wash fabric. ½ inch seam allowances. Use 100% cotton or poly cotton.

***** BEDSHEET – trim off side seams ¼ - 3/8 inch from seam. Keep these – they make 4 drawstrings per bed sheet.**



Scenario A

Lay-out Cut pieces 20 long by 20 inches wide **on the fold**, or 20 long by 40 wide single layer. Each Bag only has one side seam. For base of bag cut a **rectangle**, 1 piece - 11½ inches across width and 12 inches long and then round corners – see photo. Fold base into four and notch it into 1/4 - sides, top and bottom of base. Serge raw edges of base if can.

Assemble

When the top the bed sheet/pillowcase has a 2 inch hem – you are going to convert this hem into a casing for your drawstring. Undo a few inches of the hem at the top at both ends. On the side, where drawstring will go, turn under approx ¼ “ ish Stitch it so raw edges are in inside but don’t sew it shut. It is a channel. Pin in place, re-stitch hem that you had to open to access the side and create an opening.

- Straight stitch side seam (1/2 inch seam allowance) up to where the casing starts/hem is.

- Finish raw edges of this side seam in single layer with zig zag stitch or fold under raw edges and use a 1/4” straight stitch. Press open. Do not trim. Serge if possible to reduce fraying. If you don’t do this, and just fold over the edge, it will be very thick and heavy. The drawstring doesn’t like all those layers and won’t glide very well.

Scenario B

When the top of the pillow case is a raw edge and you have a tube –pillowcase -

you need to open the side seam as per the basic laundry bag pattern. Use the existing side seam, probably very narrow and serged. Use existing seam allowance. Sew down ¾ inch and reinforce. Stop. Unpick the stitches for a 2 inch gap and then reinforce the side seam at the second point. This area at the top, approx 2 ¾ inches needs to lay flat, so you can sew a very narrow box around the opening for the drawstring to reinforce it, if not it will fray.

Assemble as per regular pattern.

Make drawstrings from the bed sheet

With the cut strips, use seam ripper, open side seam, should be really easy if you insert your seam ripper with red ball inside the seam and slide it along. Tuck in raw edge, iron. Stitch close to edge. Each side piece makes 2 drawstrings about 56 - 60 inches long. Sew/zig zag or straight stitch raw edges at ends or they will FRAY 😊 Cut cord, rope or twill tape/bias tape 56 - 60 inches long. Use a bodkin or a safety pin to pull cord through. Add knot or double knot at end to secure.

