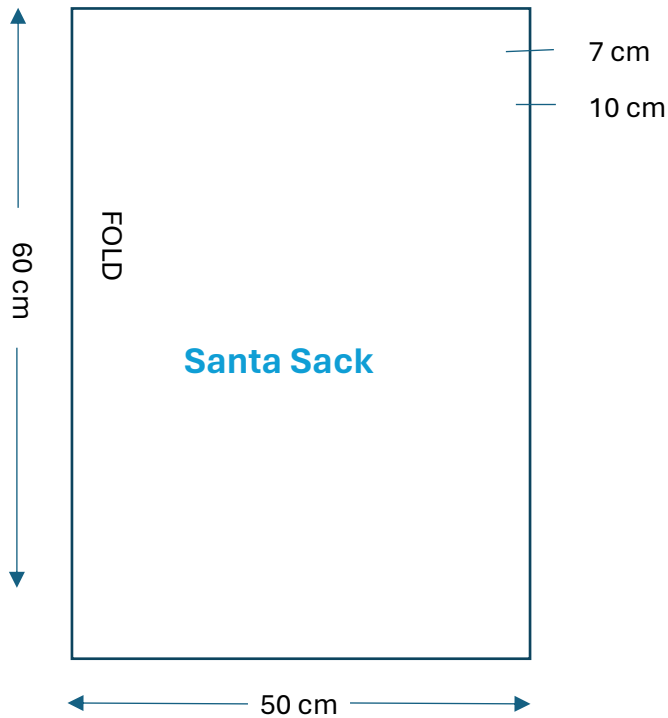


Backpacks 4 VIC kids

Santa Sack: sewing instructions.

Santa Sacks are needed to distribute gifts donated to B4VK to children in care through the B4VK Christmas 4 Kids in Care Program. Have fun making these. The children will appreciate your efforts and B4VK thank you.

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Santa Sack

You will need

- Cotton or poly cotton fabric Christmas themed, or red/green/gold, or calico
- NO slippery or stretchy or sheer material
- 60cm x 1 metre - folded in half
... or you can use two pieces of fabric 50cm x 60cm.
- 110cm cord or ribbon for the ties. Ideally red, green, gold or whatever you have.

Side and base seams.

Lay the fabric RS together and pin matching the 60 cm side seam and the base seam leaving 10cm open on the right side seam at the top.

Tip: the fabric underneath will be the front of the sack.

Mark a 7 cm and 10 cm line with a dressmaker's pencil on the right side as shown in the diagram.

Overlock or zig zag 10 cm from top edge on the right side of the opening (casing).

Overlock or zig zag along the top edge of the sack.

Machine 1.25 cm (4/8") along the side from 7 cm mark to the base then along the base seam. Overlock or zig zag the side and base seam allowances together.

Tip: if you cut 2 pieces of fabric, pin & sew the left side seam all the way to the top of the sack as well.



Optional – Boxed corners of the sack.

With bag inside out, match side seams to base seam to form a triangle. Make sure the base seam is inwards and the side seam is outwards to keep seam flat. Reverse for the other side.

Mark a 10 cm stitching line 5 cm down from the corner point of the bag and machine straight across the bag.

Tip: draw & cut out a triangle template from cardboard, 5 cm down and 10cm across. Place template onto fabric and draw stitching line with a dressmaking pencil.



Casing.

Tip: Make 4 marks with dressmakers' pencil 7cm from top edge to make it easier to line up the folded edge for casing.

Folding down casing.

Fold down 7cm triangle then match it up with the other side & press.

Turn down top edge 7cm, level with the folded triangle on the side, pin into place.

Turn sack over and repeat on the other side. Press both sides flat.

Tip: If you have boxed the base, fold over the side seam in line with the direction of the base seam.

Machining casing.

Tip: Place the edge of the machine foot on the overlocked edge of the casing.

Start 2 cm before one side seam then machine around the entire bag keeping the edge of the foot on the overlocked edge of the casing. Reverse at the beginning and end to secure stitching.

To reinforce the top of the casing, stitch 2/8" (.75 cm) in from the top folded edge of the sack, reversing at the beginning and end to secure stitching.



Finishing off. Trim threads. Turn bag RS out. Press bag flat.
Thread cord through casing then tie off.

Optional - Reinforce the casing edge by sewing along the stitching line 2cm either side of the side seam, rotating on the needle and stitching back again.

The finished Santa Sack with a colourful tie.

NB: with boxed corners on base

