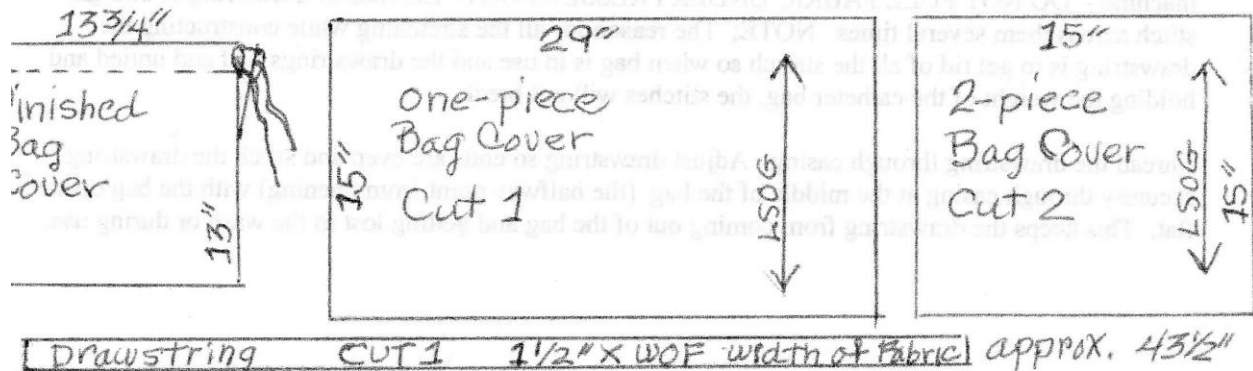


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If you have a 2-PIECE bag because of the size fabric available to use, stitch the two pieces together, right sides together, along a lengthwise, straight of grain (LSOG) edge with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Then serge or zig-zag (ZZ) the seam allowances together. Press seam in one direction. Proceed with one-piece construction.

ONE-PIECE BAG CONSTRUCTION Stay stitch top and bottom of bag at $\frac{1}{4}$ ". On top, fold the raw edge towards the wrong side of bag on the line of stay stitching and clean finish – stitch close to folded edge giving a finished edge. Then turn and press a 1" hem on the clean-finished edge. This will be bottom edge of casing.

Place right sides of bag together and stitch a $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam to within 5" of the top fold of your casing and back stitch. Press seam open and continue to press the $\frac{5}{8}$ " amount on each side of opening all the way through the opened casing to the clean-finished edge. (This extra-long opening is for the tubing.) While the bag is flat on your pressing surface, with the seam allowances up, fold each seam allowance under, or in half, all the way to the clean-finished edge and press. Straight stitch close to the fold of each seam allowance. From right side of bag, with seam allowances laying flat, and casing opened up, start stitching at clean-finished edge of casing on left side of opening close to the opening and back tack several times at bottom of opening to make it well reinforced. Continue stitching up other side of opening.

Turn casing down into place and stitch close to your line of clean finishing on wrong side of bag. Back tack securely beginning and end.

Turn bag wrong side out and stitch across bottom of bag with a slightly wider than $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Serge or ZZ seam allowances together and press seam to one side. Be sure to get your corners turned nice and square.

DRAWSTRING CONSTRUCTION Fold drawstring in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and pin one end securely to pressing surface. As you press a crease, stretch the drawstring slightly to get rid of some of the crosswise stretch in the fabric. Unpin and refold by bringing both cut edges to crease in middle, wrong sides together, and pin one end securely to pressing surface. Press these two creases,

stretching as you press. Unpin and fold drawstring in half lengthwise and press – it should be approximately 3/8” wide and four thicknesses of fabric.. Now stitch down each edge of your drawstring close to the fold, holding the drawstring taut between your hands and traveling with the machine - DO NOT PULL FABRIC UNDER PRESSER FOOT. ZZ ends of drawstring or straight stitch across them several times. NOTE; The reason for all the stretching while constructing the drawstring is to get rid of all the stretch so when bag is in use and the drawstrings tied and untied and holding the weight of the catheter bag, the stitches will not break.

Thread the drawstring through casing. Adjust drawstring so ends are even and stitch the drawstring securely through casing at the middle of the bag (the halfway point from opening) with the bag opened flat. This keeps the drawstring from coming out of the bag and getting lost in the wash or during use.