



Dinosaur Bag

This bag is so cute, it's great to have around with or without the matching hat!

Tools and Materials

- Basic Sewing Tool Kit (page 4)
- ½ yard (45.7 cm) of green fleece (solid or tie-dyed)
- ⅓ yard (11.4 cm) of brown fleece
- 9 feet (2.7 m) of polyester cording
- Polyester fiberfill



Instructions

1 Cut your green fleece into a 15 x 34-inch (38.1 x 86.4 cm) rectangle using your rotary cutter, grid, and mat. Be careful as you cut to make sure the piece has a 90° angle.

2 To create a finished edge along the opening of the drawstring channels, fold the fabric over (wrong side to wrong side) on the long sides $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6 mm) at each corner for 4 inches (10.2 cm). Pin and sew the folded edges in place (**figure 1**).

3 Fold the short end over 2 inches (5.1 cm), wrong side to wrong side, and sew it to create a channel. Repeat this on the other short side of the fabric (**figure 2**).

4 Cut the cording into two 53-inch (1.3 m) sections. To prevent your cording from fraying, carefully singe all ends with a flame to melt the fibers together.

5 Fold your fabric in half, with right sides facing, so the channels are together at the top. String the ends of one piece of cording through each channel and repeat this step for the other cording coming from the other direction. You should now be able to gather the top of the bag together.

6 Making sure the cording is not twisted, sandwich each end between

the two fabric sections with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.3 cm) of the string sticking out of the side 1 inch (2.5 cm) up from the bottom corner of the bag. Pin the sides and cording in place and repeat these steps for the other side of the bag. Sew along the two edges from the bottom corners up to the channels (**figure 3**). Do not sew over the channels; they need to stay open so the drawstring can move through them. Turn your bag right side out.

7 Cut eight Spike pieces out of brown fleece using the template. With right sides together, sew along the curves of the spike as marked on the template, leaving the straight edge unfinished. Turn the spike right side out and topstitch $\frac{5}{8}$ inch (1.6 cm) from the outer edge following the markings on the pattern. Repeat the sewing instructions in this step to create three more spikes.

8 Fold your bag in half lengthwise to find the middle. Draw a line in chalk or mark it with pins so you can attach your spikes in a straight line. Stuff the inside of each spike with fiberfill and hand sew them on the bag, starting the first spike at the top of the bag and working down toward the bottom.

figure 1

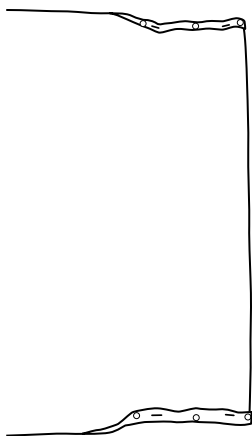


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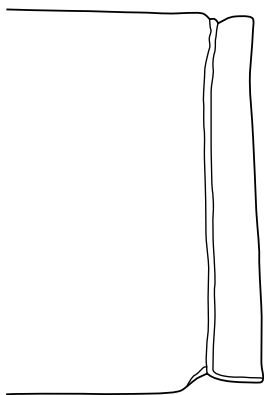
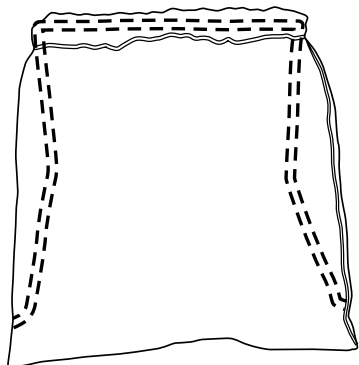


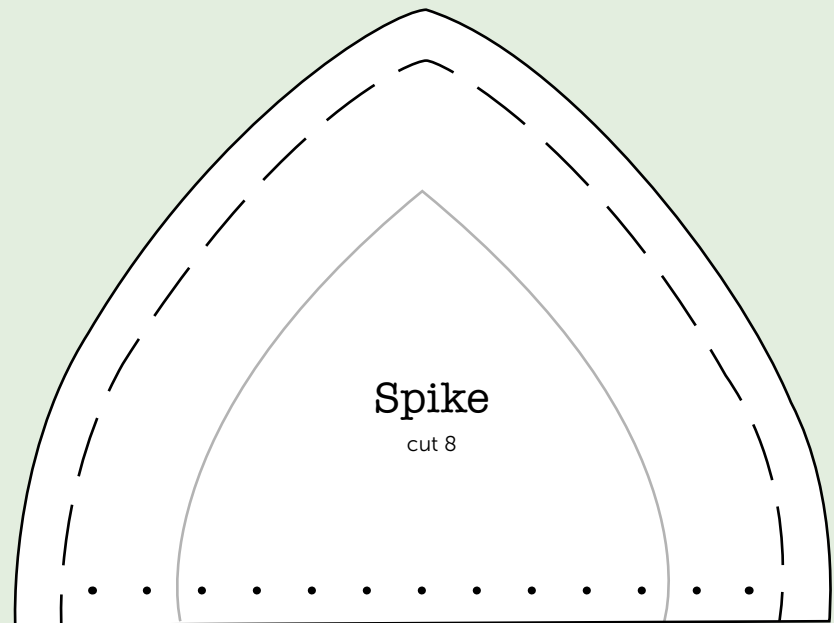
figure 3



Basic Sewing Tool Kit

The following items are going to be used the most when making the projects in this book so keep them on hand!

- Chalk or washable fabric marking pen
- Grid
- Long straight pins with bead heads
- Mat
- Rotary cutter
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Sewing needles
- Tape measure or ruler
- Thread



- • • • hand sew
- — machine sew
- topstitch