

# *How to Make Shoe Bags*

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Shoe bags are the perfect way to protect your shoes from scuffs and scratches either in the wardrobe or when you are travelling.

They are simple and easy to make from scraps of fabric. I have a variety made from denim, stretch cotton knit, cotton, velvet and wool fabrics.

To make a bag, cut a 35cm x 90cm rectangle from your fabric. Fold it in half width wise, right sides facing, and sew up the sides, leaving open a 2.5cm gap on each side about 12cm from the top. Fold the top of the bag down beyond the gaps to create a 8cm hem. Pin in place; carefully turn the bag right side out.

Next, create a drawstring casing: Stitch two seams around the top edge of the bag, one just above and one just below the 2.5cm (don't sew the bag shut). Remove pins from the inside of the bag.

Starting at the bottom of the bag, stitch (through both layers, this time) up the bags centre to the bottom of the casing; this will divide the bag into two pockets, one for each shoe. This stops them from damaging each other.

For drawstrings, cut two metre long pieces of cord or ribbon. Attach safety pins to their ends, and run each cord (starting them in the same direction on opposite faces of the bag) one and a half times through the casing. When finished, knot together the two cord ends emerging from each side, fraying them to create tassels.

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