Make a Drawstring Renaissance Purse

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Renaissance-style drawstring purses are fun and pretty, and really easy to make!

Step 1



You need two pieces of fabric. They have to be square or almost square. The pieces I used were 16" by 17". The tan fabric is the outer and the red fabric is the lining.

Step 2



Make two buttonholes on opposite sides of the outer fabric. They didn't really show up in the photo, so I've circled them in black to show you where they are. They need to be about an inch away from the edge of the fabric.

Step 3



With the right sides together, sew the two pieces together along the edges, leaving a space of a few inches open. I have a small seam allowance because I made the buttonholes a little too close to the edge.

Step 4

Step 2 2



Turn it inside out.

Step 5



Tuck in the edges of the open part and sew it closed.

Step 6



Step 4 3

Here it is sewn closed.

Step 7



Iron the edges flat.

Step 8



Lay it flat and draw two circles around the edges. (use chalk or something that will wash out) The buttonholes need to be between the two lines. The circles don't need to be perfect.

Step 9

Step 6 4



Stitch along the two lines.

Step 10



Insert the cording into one of the buttonholes.

Step 11



Step 9 5

Draw it all the way around and pull it out the same buttonhole.

Step 12



Tie the ends together.

Step 13



Draw another piece of cording through the other buttonhole, so you have two drawstrings opposite of each other.

Step 14

Step 11 6



Then just pull the drawstrings away from each other to make a pouch!

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