

Bat Holding Bags

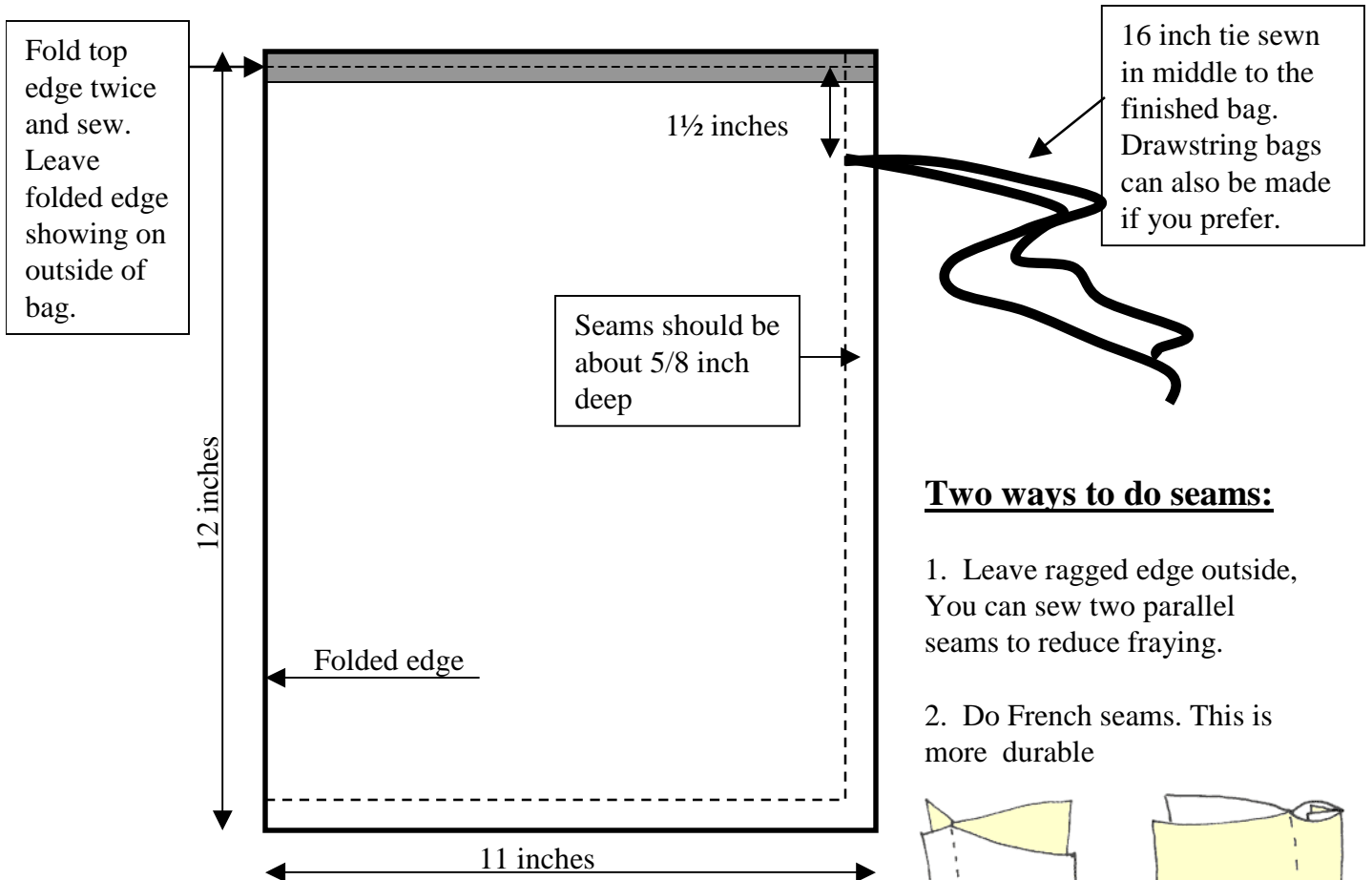
These bags are for holding bats after they are captured for research. All the seams must be outside the bag, so the bats do not get tangled in them, as they will be released after they are weighted, measured and banded. These bags will be washed in bleach after each use to prevent disease transmission.

Materials:

One 22 inch by 12 inch piece of light cotton or muslin (old sheets work well).

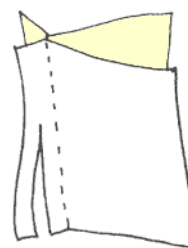
One approximately 16 inch shoelaces or other tie material that will not fray (ribbon frays),

1. Fold one 22 inch side twice, hiding ragged edge, and sew. This will be the top (open) edge of the bag. See below for seam details.
2. Sew the sides. For simple seams, fold cloth with top seam fold out and sew. For French seams, fold cloth with top seam fold in and sew first seam, then turn inside out and sew second seam. Check inside finished bag for loose threads.
3. Attach tie to outside of bag approximately 1½ inches below the opening of the bag. Sew so that the tie has two even length ends.

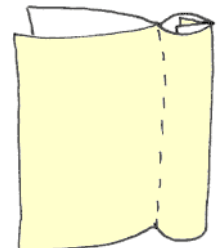


Two ways to do seams:

1. Leave ragged edge outside, You can sew two parallel seams to reduce fraying.
2. Do French seams. This is more durable



Step 1: Sew wrong sides together and trim seam allowance.



Step 2: Turn so right sides are facing and stitch close to the seam.



Send finished bags to:
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