SEWING EQUIPMENT BAG

Directions: Read through these instructions carefully before you begin. Refer to the samples hanging in the room before asking the teacher for help.

HAVE EACH STEP CHECKED OFF BY THE TEACHER AS IT IS COMPLETED.

____ 1. Tear the fabric into a 15-inch by 16-inch piece. Press fabric carefully, making sure the curled edges are smooth and flat. Now press the fabric in half with the crease going parallel to the lengthwise grain.

____ 2. Open out the fabric and lay flat. Use the crease as a guideline on the right side of the presser foot and stitch the entire length of the fabric, using a stitch length #1. Then, using this row of stitches as a guideline, stitch a second row using stitch length #2. Repeat this process, making two more rows of stitches using stitch length #3 and #4.

____ 3. Fold the right sides (outside) of the fabric together matching the edges at the top and the bottom. Place a few pins perpendicular to the torn edge to hold the fabric secure. Sew a 5/8-inch seam by starting at the top, backstitch and continue down the side to 5/8 inch from the bottom, pivot turn and sew across the bottom and backstitch at the end.

____ 4. Press seam open flat. Place a 1-inch strip of interfacing 1 1/4 inches from the top, going all the way around the bag. Make two buttonholes, one on each side of the stitching, through the seam allowance and bag fabric.

____ 5. Press 1/4 inch of fabric down around the top and stitch as close to the folded edge as you can. This is called a clean-finished edge.
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6. Press the edge just sewn and fold it down 1 inch using a measuring tape or seam gauge to measure. This fold will form a casing for your drawstring. Insert a few pins to hold it secure. **Sew next to the clean-finished edge stitching line.**

7. Trim the bottom seam to 1/4 inch and cut the corners diagonally, being careful not to clip the pivot turn. Then **zigzag** the bottom seam together using **3W and 2L** stitches. Sew along the edge of the fabric. **This is called a zigzag finish.**

8. Turn the bag right side out and **press thoroughly.** Make sure the corners are square and the side seam is rolled out.

9. To thread the draw string through the casing, tie one end to a safety pin. Push string and pin through the casing. Tie the ends of the string together. Your bag is now finished.

**Place this grading sheet inside your bag and turn it in to be graded.**
After it is graded, store your small sewing supplies in it and keep in your tote tray.