

Skills

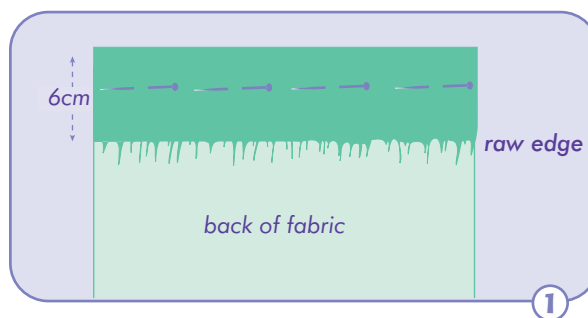
How to...

Sew a casing

A casing is like a big hem, or a tunnel, usually at the top of a bag or the waist of a skirt. We use the tunnel to thread through the **cord** or **elastic** before pulling it tight to make it gather.

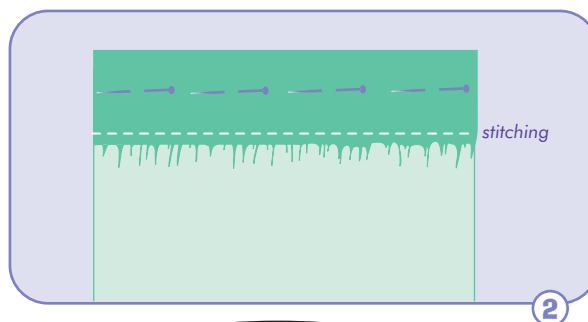
STEP 1

Like sewing a hem, we have to turn over the raw edge of the fabric, but this time at least 6cm deep. Pin along the **middle** of the folded fabric.



STEP 2

We then sew a straight line, near the raw edge.

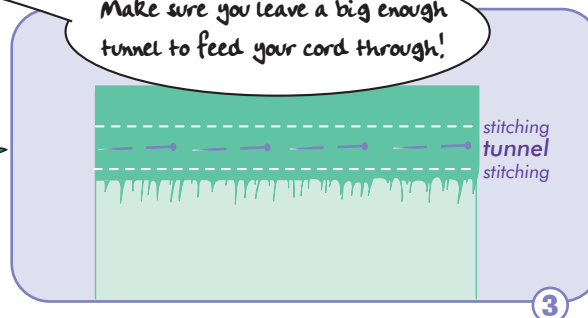


STEP 3

To make it look even nicer we can also sew another straight line across the top, a bit down the folded edge. This will give us a lovely frill at the top!



Make sure you leave a big enough tunnel to feed your cord through!



STEP 4

Attach a big safety pin to each end of your cord or elastic and feed it through the tunnel until it comes out the other end! You can pin one end to your bag to stop it pulling through the tunnel! Now **pull** until it's as gathered as you need it, and tie the cord ends together.

