🐰 Bunny Drawstring Backpack – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial (All Measurements in CM)

This detailed guide will walk you through how to sew a cute bunny-themed drawstring backpack from start to finish. No advanced skills required—just follow each step carefully!

TUTORIAL: MAKING THE BUNNY DRAWSTRING BACKPACK (All Measurements in CM)

① Prepare Materials & Tools

Collect all items.

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MATERIALS
- Purple fleece
- Aqua fleece
- Cord
- Pompom maker
- Webbing

② Cut Body and Ear Pieces

30cm W
30cm H
30cm W

35cm H

8cm H / 20cm H
8cm W / 20cm H

Purple Bndy (X2):
Aqua Outer Ear (X2): 20cm H x 8cm W
Purple Inner Ear (X2): 20cm H x 8cm W

③ Assemble Ears

With right sides together (Purpie<Aqua), stitch perimeter, leaving base open. Turn right-side out.

④ Make and Attach Paws

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2.5cm
2.5cm

Paws (X2 Purple, X2 with Pads): Trace circles (large 5cm dia, small 2.5cm dia). Stitch pads (Aqua) onto Purple bases. For second set (Purple only), use turned-under appliqué method.

⑤ Create Drawstring Channels

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⑥ Attach Ears to Casing

Align ears (eentered) with top casing fold and stitch firmly.

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⑦ Stitch Body Sides & Bottom

Pin body sides (right sides together). Attach paws to bottom (front-facing paws oh body panel, back-facing paws on bottom seam). Stitch together, leaving channels open.

⑧ Attach Tail Pompom

A. (Optional) Create a 5cm pompom using a maker.

B. Sew pompom (centered on lower back) firmly to the body.

⑨ Final Cord Installation

Thread cords (approx 90cm each) through both casings, creating loops on the same side, and...

Thread one cord through, then the second.

⑩ Review and Finish

Enjoy your new bunny bag! Check all stitches. Iron gently.

8cm
43.5cm
5cm
8cm

LEGEND & METHODS GLOSSARY (US Sewing & Quilting Terminology)

APPLIQUÉ: Hand-stitching fabric shapes onto a background (used for paw pads).

FUSIBLE WEBBING: Double-sided iron-on adhesive used to temporarily hold pieces before sewing (used for pads).

RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER (RST): A basic rule to place patterned sides of fabric facing each other for stitching.

TOPSTITCHING: Visible decorative or functional stitching on the finished side of the projsct.

INVISIBLE LADDER STITCH: Hand-sewing method to close openings seamlessly.

CORD CASING: Hem creating a tunnel for drawstrings.

SEAM ALLOWANCE: A 1cm allowance is assumed unless otherwise spesified tnot detailed on specific pieces for simplicity).

QUILTING BATTING: A layer of fiberfill between two fabrics to add warmth or loft (used in other projects). This project uses no batting.

🧵 Step 1: Prepare Materials & Tools

Before starting, gather everything you need:

Materials:

- Purple fleece (main body + inner ears + paw bases)
- Aqua fleece (outer ears + paw pads + tail)
- Cord (for drawstrings, approx. 2 × 90 cm)
- Pom-pom maker (optional, for tail)
- Webbing (optional for reinforcement)

Tools:

- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Straight pins
- Hand sewing needles
- Iron

👉 Tip: Wash and dry your fabric beforehand to prevent shrinking later.

✂️ Step 2: Cut Body and Ear Pieces

Carefully measure and cut your fabric pieces:

Main Body:

- Cut 1 rectangle: **30 cm (W) × 35 cm (H)** (purple fleece)

Ears (cut 2 of each):

- Outer ears (aqua fleece): **20 cm (H) × 8 cm (W)**
- Inner ears (purple fleece): **20 cm (H) × 8 cm (W)**

👉 Tip: Use paper templates if you want perfectly symmetrical ears.

🐰 Step 3: Assemble the Ears

1. Place one aqua ear piece and one purple ear piece **right sides together**.
2. Stitch all around the edge, leaving the bottom open.
3. Turn the ear right-side out.
4. Repeat for the second ear.

🐾 Step 4: Make and Attach Paws

You'll create 4 paws total (2 front-facing, 2 back-facing).

Cut:

- Large circles (purple): 5 cm diameter (×2)
- Small circles (purple): 2.5 cm diameter (×2)
- Paw pads (aqua): small ovals and circles

Instructions:

1. Stitch aqua pads onto purple bases.
2. For the front paws: stitch pads directly on top.
3. For the back paws: use a turned-edge appliqué method (clean edges tucked under).

👉 Tip: Sew slowly for neat curves!

🧵 Step 5: Create Drawstring Channels

1. Fold the top edge of the body fabric down by **4 cm**.
2. Stitch along the bottom edge of the fold to create a casing.
3. Add a second stitch line about **3.5 cm below the top edge**.

👉 Important: This creates the tunnel for your drawstring cords.

🐰 Step 6: Attach Ears to the Casing

1. Fold the body fabric so you can find the center.
2. Position both ears evenly spaced near the center.
3. Align the ear bases with the folded casing edge.
4. Stitch securely in place.

👉 The ears should hang downward when finished.

🧵 Step 7: Stitch Body Sides & Bottom

1. Fold the body fabric in half (right sides together).
2. Pin the sides.

Attach paws:

- Place front-facing paws on the front panel.
- Place back-facing paws near the bottom seam.
3. Stitch both sides and the bottom edge.

⚠️ Important:

- Do NOT sew over the drawstring channels.
- Leave openings for the cords to pass through.

🧶 Step 8: Attach Tail Pom-Pom

Option A (Recommended):

- Use a pom-pom maker to create a **5 cm aqua pom-pom**

Option B:

- Use a pre-made pom-pom

Attach:

- Sew the pom-pom securely to the lower center of the back panel.

🔗 Step 9: Final Cord Installation

1. Take two cords (approx. 90 cm each).
2. Thread the first cord through both channels, looping around one side.
3. Thread the second cord in the opposite direction.

👉 You should now have loops on both sides that act as shoulder straps.

4. Tie knots at the ends to secure.

🎉 Step 10: Review and Finish

- Turn your bag right-side out.
- Check all seams for strength.
- Trim any loose threads.
- Lightly iron if needed.

Finished Size (approx.):

- Height: 43.5 cm
- Width: 30 cm

🎉 Congratulations! Your bunny drawstring backpack is ready to use!

🧠 Helpful Sewing Terms (Quick Glossary)

- **Right Sides Together (RST):** Fabric fronts facing each other while sewing
- **Topstitching:** Visible stitching on the outside
- **Appliqué:** Sewing fabric shapes onto another fabric
- **Casing:** Fabric tunnel for cords
- **Seam Allowance:** Default is 1 cm unless stated otherwise