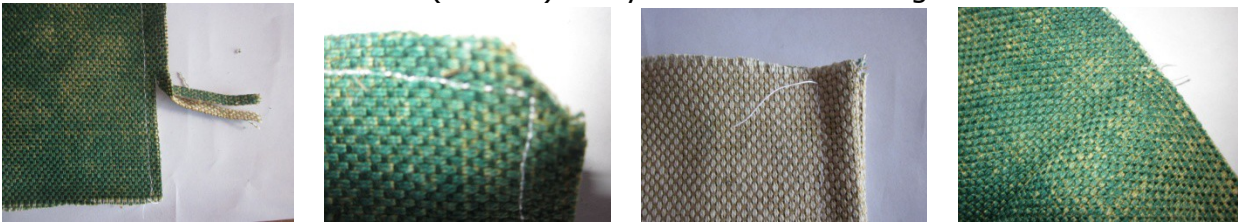


## **Romsey Foodbank Santa Sacks**

- These instructions are to make a Santa Sack of a standard size.
- Please try to use fabric that is Christmassy – maybe plain red or green, or with a Christmassy pattern. If it isn't very Christmassy then a bit of decoration can liven it up. Keep in mind a child who Santa will be giving it to. }Please bring
- To make one Santa Sack you will need:
  - 1 piece of material 50cm x 110cm (19 inches x 43 inches) note: 1m (1 yard) makes 2 !  
**OR** 2 pieces of material each 50cm x 57cm (each 19 inches x 22 inches)
  - Two drawstrings of 81 cm (32 inch) pieces of ribbon approx 2cm (1 inch) wide, **OR** cord
  - Optional Christmassy decoration (for example, a motif, gold braid, bells....)
- Please bring completed Santa Sacks to a Foodbank Collection point (Waitrose or the Abbey) **by 12th November.**

**This pattern uses French seams:** sew 1cm (½ inch) from the edge (leaving one of the shorter sides open). Trim the seam to 0.5 cm (¼ inch). Cut corners diagonally and turn inside out. Now sew another seam 1cm (½ inch) away from the sewn edges to enclose the first seam.



1. If you are using a motif to decorate the Santa Sack, it's easier to sew it on first.
2. **Make the Sack** using French Seams to make a strong Santa Sack  
***If using 2 pieces:*** with **wrong** sides together, starting at one end of a longer piece, make a French Seam around 3 sides of the pieces.  
***If using 1 piece:*** fold in half lengthways so the **wrong** sides are together and make French Seams on the two long sides.

3. **Make a casing for the drawstring:**



Turn under 1cm (½ inch) around the open edge, then turn under again with the fold 5cm (2 inches) from the top. On inside, sew close to the edge to secure the material. Make another line of stitching approx 2cm (1 inch) away to make the casing for the drawstring.

4. **Add the drawstring**



On the outside, make a hole on each side of the side seams through the top layer of material of the casing. Tie a piece of ribbon/cord to a safety pin and thread it through the casing all the way round the Santa Sack. Tie the ends of this piece of ribbon/cord together. Repeat at the other side seam.

5. **Decoration:** Please feel free to decorate the Santa Sack with a Christmas motif, gold braid etc.