

## **Drawstring bags**

Scrubs are not washed centrally in most hospitals, staff have to take them home to wash. Due to the risk of carrying infection home, staff will take off their scrubs at the hospital, change into their own clothes and take the scrubs home. We need drawstring bags for staff to put their scrubs in so they can carry them home and put the bag straight into the washing machine. The bags must be washable at 60 and have a drawstring tape / cord / fabric tape to close it.

Fabric should be close-weave and thick enough that you can't see through it. Recycled sheets/duvet covers are fine as long as the fabric is thick enough. It can be any colour or pattern.

These bags can also be made using an old pillowcase as long as the fabric isn't too thin.

Wash your fabric at 60 before sewing to make sure that it will withstand the temperature and won't shrink. If it's a dark colour, put in a small piece of pale fabric to check for colour run.

Size: 20 x 25 inches, slightly smaller will be fine. They need to be big enough to fit a full set of scrubs and sometimes also shoes.

Drawstring: you can use cord, twill tape, or make your own drawstring. It's possible that ribbon won't hold up to repeated hot washes so something else would be preferred if possible.

Photo tutorial for making bags:

<https://thesewingessions.wordpress.com/2014/01/27/how-to-make-a-simple-drawstring-bag-2/?fbclid=IwAR3X8d8ixylFAzaO9U0lr9nfMnhsPi6SoPOCv7EB8pTWKEnlCTolvtac4EI>