



# **EIGHTEEN GRAB BAGS FROM ONE YARD OF FABRIC** By Simone Beardwood, Manasota Rock & Gem Club, Sarasota, FL

## **METHOD**

Fold fabric in half—from selvage. Tear in half. Tear each half in 3 equal strips—from selvage to selvage. Zigzag or serve all the long sides at once without taking the fabric out of the sewing machine for neatness. Snip between strips. Cut each strip in three equal pieces. Each strip will measure 15 inches. Fold over one inch on each short side. Snip between pieces after sewing.

Fold each piece in half with right sides together and stitch side seams—leaving top of hems free. Turn bags right sides out and press.

Cut 36 pieces of soft twine, knitting yarn, etc., in lengths of 15 inches. With bodkin or bobby pins, pass one piece of yarn through one hem and then the other so that the ends come out the same side. Knot the ends. Pass a second length of yarn the same way but in the opposite direction. Knot the ends.

## **PRESTO—18 bags in less than one hour.**

Mae's and sometimes Cloth World have suitable cotton fabric on sale for \$1 or \$1.50 per yard. As there is no waste, these bags will cost only a few cents each and they are fun to make. But remember, the fabric **MUST** be 45 inches wide; otherwise there will be some waste.

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**Cobb Members:** Don't forget our new Grab Bag Chair—Cherry Starkweather! Our show is only a few months away. We need 1000 grab bags by show time! Warm up the old sewing machine and help Cherry out.

Don't forget to bring in your grab bag rocks. As Vice-President Jerry Morris says, "*Bring a pocketful a month!*"

## **45 Inches--Width of fabric**


