

# Three Little Fishes



These fish-shaped drawstring bags make an ideal laundry 'basket' for the kids.

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So They Work  
For You

**Easy Peasy**

**A Bit More Tricky**

**Hard-ish**

**Quite A Challenge**

**YOU WILL NEED**

- ❖ Fish template
  - ❖ Half a metre of patterned cotton fabric
  - ❖ Pencil
  - ❖ Scissors
  - ❖ Pins
  - ❖ Sewing machine
  - ❖ Cotton thread
  - ❖ Black and white felt
  - ❖ 2m of ribbon or cord
  - ❖ Safety pin
- All materials available from Hobbycraft ([hobbycraft.co.uk](http://hobbycraft.co.uk)).

Enlarge the template, below, on a photocopier. You can enlarge it to whatever size you like - larger for a laundry bag, smaller for a washbag.



## Making The Fish Bag

**1** Fold a length of fabric in half and press flat. Print the fish template to your desired size, and cut out. Place the template on top of the fabric, draw around and cut out two fish pieces.

**2** Along the longer side of a fish piece, measure down 5cm from the top. Cut 1cm into the fabric. Fold and press 5mm, and then again to enclose the raw edges. Sew to secure in place. Repeat for

the opposite side, and again on the other fish fabric piece. Next, fold over the top edge of the fish piece to meet at the point of the side slits, and sew in place. Do the same on the other fish piece.

**3** Pin the fish pieces right sides together, and sew 5mm around the edge, leaving the top open. Turn the bag right side out, and press flat.

**4** Draw and cut out a circular piece of white

felt and a smaller disc of black felt for the fish's eye. Pin the white circle to one of the fabric pieces and blanket-stitch in place. Then sew the black circle to the middle of the white one.

**5** Take a 2m length of ribbon and attach one end to a safety pin. Thread through the bag casing, come full circle and go round again. Tie a knot at the loose ends, then pull to draw the bag tight.

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