



Tea towel Dilly Bag

A 'dilly bag' (sometimes called a plate bag or a mess kit) is the bag you keep your plates and cutlery in when you go camping. It's a good idea to make sure your dilly bag has your name on the outside, but otherwise you can decorate it however you like. You can make a simple dilly bag using a tea towel.

You will need:

- Tea towel
- Iron & ironing board
- Pins
- Pencil
- Rope/ribbon for the drawstring (so you can close your bag!)
- Sewing machine + needle & thread etc.

For inside your dilly bag:

Two of each item, all labelled with your name!

- Plate
- Bowl
- Cup (with handle)
- Knife, fork, and spoon
- Tea towel

Instructions:

1. Start by ironing your tea towel. **You may need an adult to help or supervise.**



2. Choose which end you want to have as the opening to your bag.
3. Fold a hem along the top, and pin in place. It will be easier if you've ironed the hem down first. Remember to make your hem thick enough to feed through your drawstring later.
4. With a sewing machine, sew the hem down. **You may need an adult to help or supervise.**
5. Fold the tea towel in half with right-sides (the sides you want to see on the outside) together, and iron along the fold.
6. Pin the sides together – don't pin the side you want to be your opening!
7. With a sewing machine, sew along the open sides. Make sure not to sew your hem shut!



8. Turn your dilly bag in the right way, pushing out the corners with a pencil.
9. Feed the drawstring through the hem at the top of your dilly bag. It might help to attach a safety pin to the end to make it easier.
10. Tie a knot in your drawstring, as close to the end of the string as possible.
11. Add your items, and you're ready for camp!

