

HOW TO MAKE A DRAFT STOPPER

A simple weatherization project is a fabric draft stopper. This item is portable and can be used at the bottom of doors to stop drafts.

Materials

- Two pieces of sturdy, tightly woven fabric
 - one piece -- the length of the door + 2" x 5"
 - another piece -- the length of the door + 2" x 6"
- Material (fabric, shoelace, cording, etc.) to make a loop for hanging
- Heavy-duty thread
- Filler (sand, old nylons cut into strips, fiberfill, sawdust, or cat litter)

Procedure

1. Fold the smaller piece of material in half lengthwise, right sides together. Using a small stitch, sew a 1" seam along the long edge and one end. For strength, repeat just outside the seam.
2. Turn the material to the right side.
3. Fill the tube with filler using a funnel if necessary. The filled tube should be firm but bendable.
4. Fold in remaining raw edges at the open end and stitch.
5. Baste the loop to one end of the larger piece of material.
6. Fold the material in half lengthwise, right sides together. Using a small stitch, sew the long and looped edge.
7. Turn the material to the right side.
8. Put the filled tube into the larger outer tube. The fit should be snug. Fold in the raw edges at the open end and stitch.