

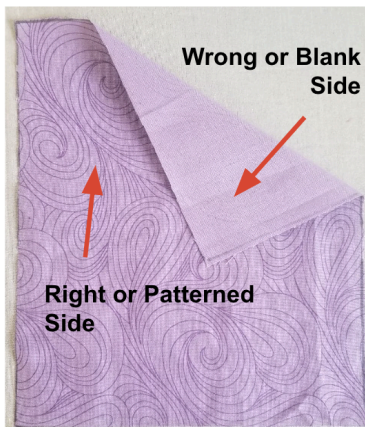
Sewing a Drawstring Bag



Materials:

- Pattern Templates
- Sewing machine
- 2 different patterns of fabric
- Several colors of thread
- Fabric scissors (big and small)
- Seam rippers
- Ribbon

FABRIC HAS 2 SIDES TO IT



PICK OUT THE FABRICS YOU WANT TO USE

Outside Fabric

Something with a pattern maybe



Inside Lining

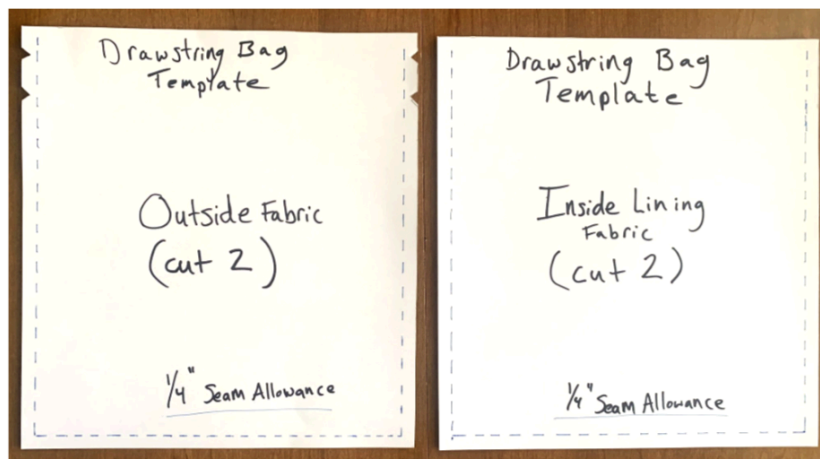
A plain simple color maybe



Choose two differently colored fabrics.

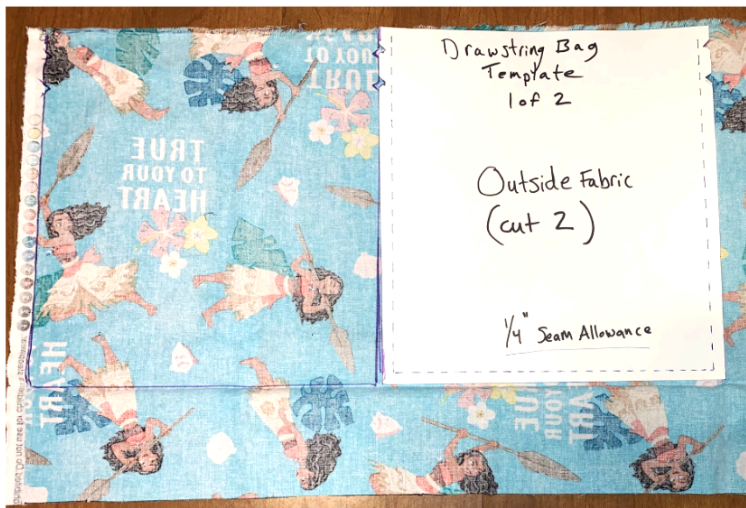
One will be for the outside of the bag. The other will be for the lining.

GRAB THE 2 DIFFERENT TEMPLATES THAT YOU WILL NEED



These are the templates to make your bag. You will trace their edges onto your fabric. The template with the notches on the side is for the outside of your bag, the other one is for the inner lining.

TRACE TEMPLATES AND CUT THE FABRIC



1) Choose the material that will be on the outside of your bag.

3) Flip the fabric over so the “bad” side is facing up.

4) Trace the template with the notches for the outside of your bag. Try to line up template to one edge of the fabric to preserve space.



1) cut the outline out with fabric scissors

Repeat steps 2-4 with the fabric for the bag’s lining. One difference is that you will not cut out the notches!

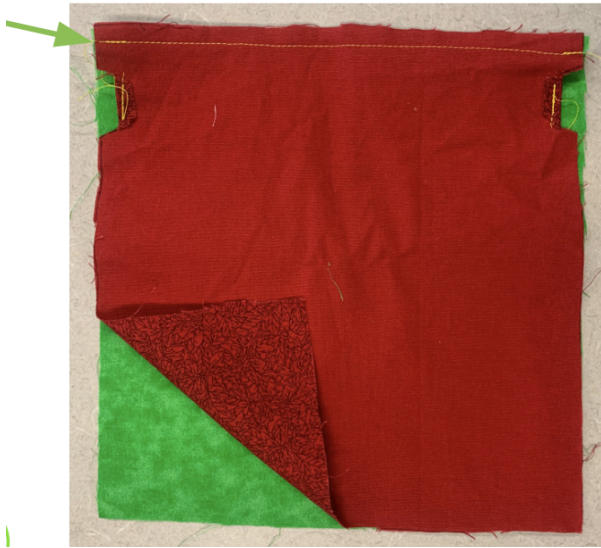
FOLD IN THE NOTCHES AND SEW THEM DOWN



FOLD TABS IN
TOWARDS THE BAD
SIDE OF THE FABRIC



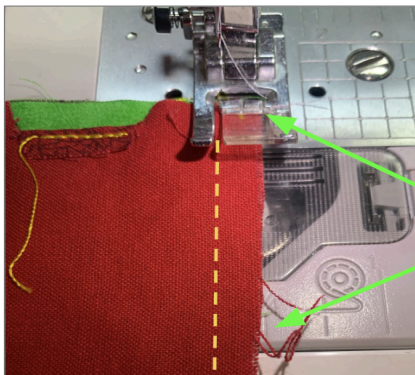
SEW THE OUTSIDE FABRIC TO THE INSIDE FABRIC



- 1) Face the good side of the outside fabric to the good side of the inside fabric.
- 2) Sew a line about $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the edge of the top. To ensure the thread won't come undone, sew forward a few stitches, sew backward a few stitches, and finally sew forward to the other side. Back stitch again at the end.
- 3) Repeat with other 2 pieces of fabric (1 outside 1 inside)

$\frac{1}{4}$ IN. SEAM ALLOWANCE

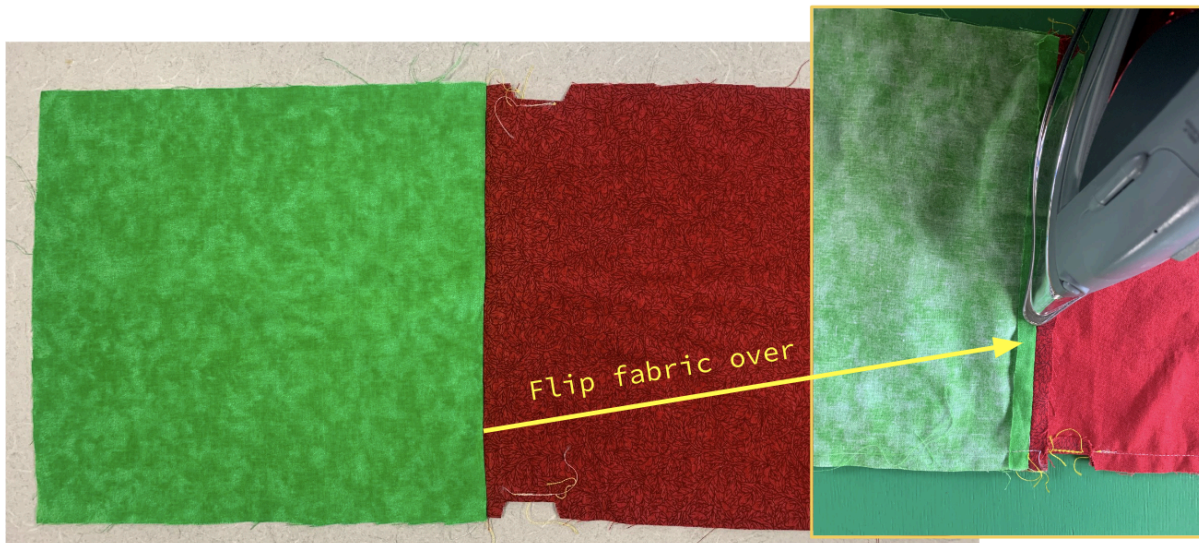
BACK STITCH BUTTON



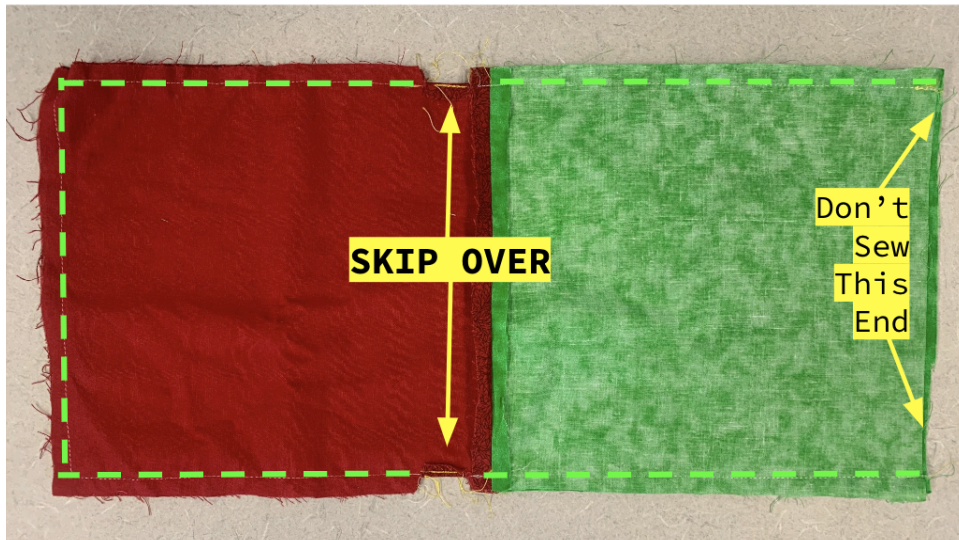
Line up
edge of
fabric
with
second
notch on
sewing
foot or
line
marked $\frac{1}{4}$
on base



OPEN UP THE FABRIC AND IRON THE SEAM FLAT



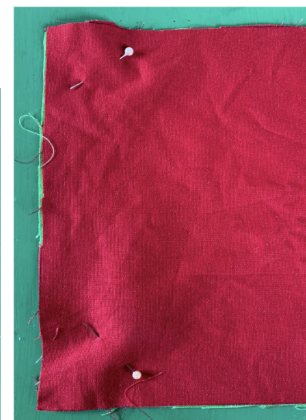
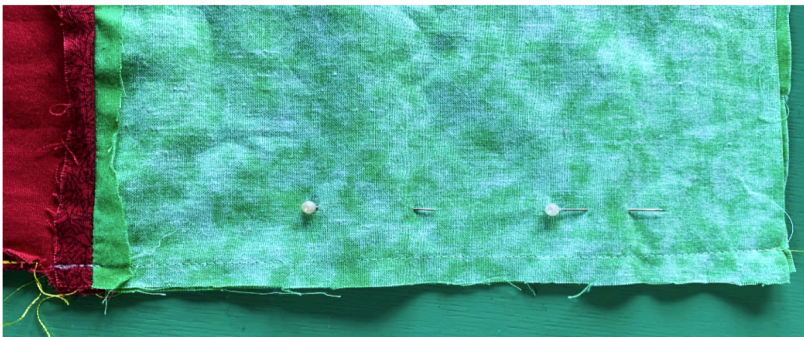
PLACE BOTH COMPLETED PIECES RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER.
STITCH A U WITH THE OPENING TO THE LINING.



- 1) Place your two sewn pieces together such that the good sides are facing each other and the bad sides are facing outward.
- 2) Sew them together in a U shape around the edges, keeping the end of the inner lining unsewn.

**** Skip sewing over the the notches ****

HOW TO PIN FABRIC

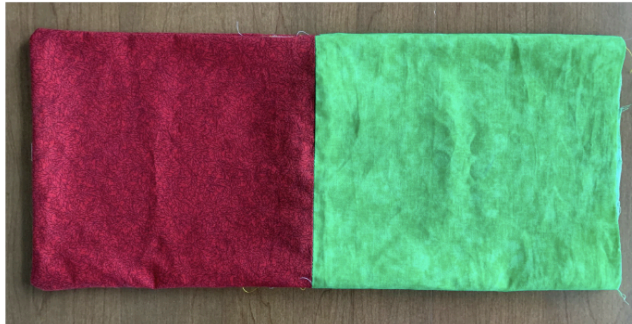


AFTER IT'S SEWN, FLIP IT INSIDE OUT



- 1) Thrust your hand through the un-sewn side, grab hold of the fabric at the bottom and pull so the bag flips inside out.

STITCH THE INNER LINING SHUT



1) Stitch the final side of the inner lining closed. You can do this in multiple ways. One way is to fold the raw sides inward, press shut, and stitch.

SEW THE CHANNEL

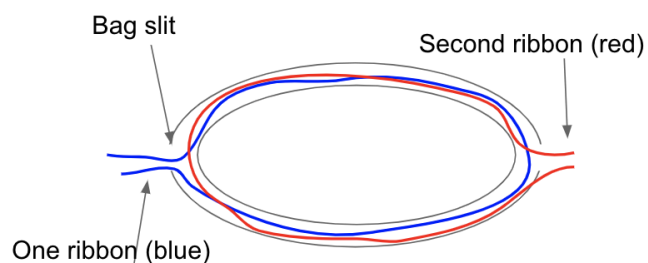
Pop off the front plate of the sewing machine, so the bag can fit over the end of the machine.

Start sewing just above the slit in the fabric sides towards the top. Sew all the way around the bag.

Then, do the same, but just below the slit.



ADD THE DRAWSTRINGS



- 1) Cut TWO pieces of ribbon out
- 2) Thread the first piece of ribbon through the loopholes in your bag. One trick is to tap one end of the ribbon to a pencil, and thread the pencil through the loophole.
- 3) Notice that the ribbon will start and end in the same slit, meaning it will make a U shape.
- 4) Thread the second ribbon, starting from the other side.
- 5) Tie the ends of your ribbons in a knot (see drawing above)