



Grace's Cases Designs Reversible Drawstring Bag

Materials needed:

- Two 12x14 pieces main fabric*
- Two 12x14 pieces contrast fabric*
- Two yards drawstring cut into two equal pieces

Recommend quilting quality cotton fabrics:

- *If using fat quarters, reduce dimensions to 10 ½ " x 12".
- If using yardage without a directional print (no defined "up and down" to the print), you will need 1/3 yard of each fabric.
- If using yardage with a directional print, you will need 14" of that fabric.

Let's Begin!

1. Prepare your fabrics by ironing well. Cut your fabric into the sizes specified above.
2. Determine the top edge of each piece and press under ½".
3. Place the two pieces of the main fabric right sides together and secure with pins or clips along the sides and the bottom.
4. Make a mark on each long side 1" down from the folded edge. These marks are where you will begin and end your seam.
5. Repeat with the contrast fabric.



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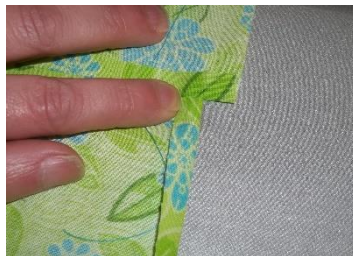
Let's Start Sewing!

6. Sew a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam beginning at the first mark (the one 1" down from the top). Backstitch when you begin and end each seam. Stop $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom leaving the sewing needle in the down position and pivot to sew across the bottom. Continue sewing across the bottom and stop $\frac{1}{2}$ " from end leaving the sewing needle in the down position and pivot to sew back up the other side. Stop at the next mark and backstitch. Repeat using the contrast material.



Now that you have your main pieces assembled, let's prepare to put them together. Follow these steps for both main and contrast pieces.

7. Keeping the bags inside out, press the side seams open (you will only be able to partially press them open – don't worry about getting very close to the bottom corners).
8. Press down $\frac{1}{2}$ " along each top edge, keeping the side seams open and tucked inside.
9. Trim off bottom corners to reduce bulk.



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10. Turn the main bag right side out, gently pushing out the bottom corners.



11. Place the contrast bag inside the main bag, wrong sides together, matching the corners and tops.



12. Line up the top edges and pin or clip the top edges of the main and contrast pieces together. You will have openings left on both sides that we will use for the drawstring.

13. Topstitch close to the top edge, backstitching at each end. Do this for both the front and back of the bag.



14. Sew a second seam approximately 1" below the first seam leaving enough room to insert the drawstring. This will be one continuous seam around both the front and the back.



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14. Cut two lengths of your drawstring to 30" to 36" inches as you prefer.



15. Using a Bodkin, safety pin, or drawstring threader, insert drawstring beginning at one opening and draw it all the way around the bag and exit through the beginning opening.



16. Repeat on opposite side.



17. Knot drawstring ends together

You are done. Enjoy!

