

Fabric Bag with Cat Ears

Complete Sewing Tutorial (English Version)



Patron Gratuit de Bourse à Oreilles de Chat

- ◆ Découpez les pièces le long des lignes. Tracez les lignes de finition sur le tissu de la taille spécifiée.
- ◆ Cousez le long des lignes de finition et coupez l'excédent. (Voir le blog pour les étapes détaillées)



Fabric Cat Ear Drawstring Bag

Skill Level: Easy Beginner

Project Type: Quick Sellable PDF Pattern

This adorable cat ear drawstring pouch is a fast and beginner-friendly sewing project. The ears are integrated directly into the body pattern, meaning no separate ear pieces are required. The finished bag is perfect for makeup, jewelry, small gifts, party favors, or children's accessories.

Finished Size

Width: 7–8 inches (18–20 cm)

Height: 6–7 inches (16–18 cm)

You may scale the pattern up or down easily (see resizing section).

Materials Needed

- ½ yard cotton fabric (exterior)
- ½ yard cotton fabric (lining)
- 2 drawstrings – 32 inches (80 cm) each
- 2 cord locks (optional)
- Lightweight fusible interfacing (optional, for structure)
- Matching thread
- Safety pin or bodkin (for inserting cords)

Recommended Fabric: Quilting cotton, linen blends, or lightweight canvas.

Pattern Pieces

Cut:

- 2 Exterior Body Pieces
- 2 Lining Body Pieces

Important:

The cat ears are integrated into the upper shape of the pattern. There are no separate ear pieces.

Step 1 – Prepare Your Fabric

Cut exterior and lining pieces using the pattern shape.

If your fabric is soft or lightweight, apply fusible interfacing to the wrong side of the exterior pieces before sewing. This will give the bag structure and help the ears stand nicely.

Press all pieces flat before assembly.

Step 2 – Sew the Exterior

Place the two exterior pieces right sides together.

Sew along both sides and the curved bottom edge using a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.
Do not sew the top opening.

Clip curves slightly (do not cut through stitching) to allow smooth turning later.

Press seams open or to one side.

Step 3 – Sew the Lining

Repeat the same process with the lining pieces.

Important: Leave a 2–3 inch opening at the bottom of the lining. This opening will be used to turn the bag right side out later.

Press seams.

Step 4 – Join Exterior and Lining

Turn the exterior right side out.
Leave lining wrong side out.

Insert the exterior into the lining so that right sides are facing each other.

Match side seams and ear points carefully.

Sew around the entire top edge.

Turn the bag right side out through the opening in the lining.

Close the lining opening using a straight stitch or hand ladder stitch.

Push lining inside and press the top edge carefully.

Step 5 – Create the Drawstring Channel

Sew two parallel horizontal seams around the top of the bag:

First seam: about 1 inch (2.5 cm) below the top edge

Second seam: about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch (2 cm) below the first seam

This creates the drawstring casing.

Important: Leave small openings at both side seams between these stitching lines for cord insertion.

Press well.

Step 6 – Insert the Drawstrings

Attach a safety pin to one cord.

Insert cord through one side opening and thread it all the way around until it exits the same side.

Repeat with second cord, but start from the opposite side opening and thread in the reverse direction.

Tie secure knots at both ends or attach cord locks.

Pull both cords simultaneously to close the bag and form the cat ears shape.

Finishing Tips

- Press carefully around ear points for crisp shaping.
 - If ears collapse, add interfacing or topstitch around ear edges.
 - For a more structured bag, use medium-weight interfacing.
 - Decorative topstitching around the ears adds a premium look.
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Resizing Guide

Mini Jewelry Version

Reduce width and height by 25%.

Kids Snack Bag Version

Increase width by 30% and height by 20%.

Gift Bag Version

Add 2 inches to height for better closure.