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estimated sewing time: 2 hours

Learn how to sew up a drawstring bag in this great project from Alison! Even more fun? Picking your favoite candy bar, eating it, and reusing the wrapper for the project!!







### • 1 piece of main fabric measuring 11 x 17

- 1 piece of lining fabric measuring 11 x 24 1/2
- 2 pieces of contrast fabric measuring 11 x 4
- Length of ribbon measuring 1 1/2 yards
- Piece of lightweight vinyl measuring about 9 x
  9 (you'll most likely need less depending on your candy wrapper choice)

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- A favorite candy bar!
- Sewing Machine
- Scissors
- Safety Pin
- Iron



### STEP 1: SEW CANDY APPLIQUE

Thread your machine and fill a bobbin. Lay the main fabric right side up on your surface. Pin each of the 11 x 4 contrast pieces to each of the short ends and sew using a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam.

\*It is helpful to place a length of tape from the needle on the throat plate at the  $\frac{1}{4}$  measure for the sewist to follow easier.









Press this seam open carefully.

Fold the fabric piece wrong sides together, in half with each of the contrast strips at the top and crease with your finger the very bottom making a fold line.

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Open this up with one of the contrast strips at the top, and one at the bottom. We'll work above the fold you just created.

Cut the candy bar wrapper in a shape. Put the piece of vinyl over it and cut the same shape. You will now treat this as one. Place this on the lower right of your bag 2 inches from the bottom and from the raw edge. You can use some clear tape to hold it in place.

Using a longer stitch length, (3.0) SLOWLY sew the candy wrapper/vinyl piece to your bag. Sew right through the clear tape, you can remove it with tweezers later. IF it drags a bit, snap the presser foot off and add clear transparent tape to it so it will glide easier! Of course you can practice first on some scrap vinyl piece and on part of the wrapper you won't be using.











#### STEP TWO: SEW MAIN BAG

Place the lining and the exterior of the bag wrong sides together. Starting with the long sides, fold in ¼ inch and press - then fold in another ¼ inch and press again. Do this on the other long side. Stitch along close to the folded edges. TAKE NOTE OF WHERE YOUR VINYL IS AND DO NOT ACCIDENTALLY PRESS THERE OR IT WILL MELT.

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Fold down <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch on each of the shorter ends and press. Fold down 1 inch and press. This will be your casing for the ribbon. Stitch close to the fold, backstitching at each end. Now do the same for the other short end.

Take your fabric and fold it right sides together with both of the contrasts at the top, and fold from candy wrapper/vinyl at the bottom. Match up the contrast seams and pin. Stitch from the bottom to the casing ONLY on each side using a seam.

Turn your new bag right side out and lightly press staying away from the vinyl.









### STEP THREE: ADD DRAWSTRING

Cut your length of ribbon in two equal lengths. Using a safety pin, attach one end of ribbon to the safety pin and thread it through your casing on one side then do the same with the other length of ribbon. Knot each side where the ribbon meets then put some seam sealant ot clear nail polish on the raw edges of the ribbon to keep it from fraying.

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