

# Line the Charlie Bag

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Here's another method to lining the Charlie Bag. A bit more work than the other methods, but the result is so nice! This bag may be too nice for groceries... You may use it as your favorite purse.

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## Step 1



To start, sew up two basic bags: one out of your outer/self fabric, and one out of your lining fabric. Read step 2 before completing step 1!

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## Step 2



2. Sew up the little pouch out of your self fabric, but sew it into the side seam of the lining bag. LEAVE THE BOTTOM HEM OF THE LINING BAG UNSEWN. See the [Serge the Charlie Bag](#) for basic instructions (Note: You can use these instructions but use a straight stitch machine). Check out Steps 6-7 of [Sewing a Charlie Bag with French Seams](#) for doing the little pouch with French seams. Also, you may want to enlarge the little pouch, since, basically, two Charlie bags have to fit in it.

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### Step 3



Put the self bag inside the lining bag, right sides facing. Pin and sew the long outer handle seams together and sew at 5/8 inch.

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### Step 4



Clip in at the curves.

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### Step 5



5. Now, for the inner handles. This part can be tricky. Do not just sew around the inner curve: it may seem like it is obviously going to work, but it won't. You have to sandwich one half of the handle inside the other half. This is how I do it, so I do not get confused: Turn the lining to the inside of the bag, so wrong sides are together. From the opening in the hem lining, grab the seam allowance on the inner part of the handles so right sides are facing. With this pinched, pull your hand back out the lining hem.

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### Step 6



Pin the edges of the handles. You will only be able to sew half at a time: the other half of the handle is sandwiched in between what you are sewing now.

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### Step 7



Here is another picture for clarification: one half of the handle is inside the other.

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### Step 8



In this picture you can see that the rest of the handle is inside. Sew as much as you can.

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### Step 9



Now, turn your handle so the sewn section is inside, the unsewn handle is outside. Stitch. Clip the curves and turn. Repeat for the other handle.

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### Step 10



Iron the handle edges. Topstitch all handle edges.

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### Step 11



Almost done! Now we just have close up the lining hem. Turn so right sides are facing, fold in at the notches, and stitch about 1/3 of the total length of the hem. Repeat for other side.

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### Step 12



Turn so wrong sides are facing, and give a topstitch to close that final opening.

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### Step 13



You did it! What a lovely new Charlie bag you have!!

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