

The Mod Satchel

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This crafty little bag, my Mod Satchel, is what I made for the Dritz Challenge a couple weeks ago. I was sent a box full of notions to play with from Dritz and boy, was it fun!

And of course, there's a trick to the Mod Satchel. It's made with faux leather (vinyl) and has two drawstrings that run through the grommets. There are two Dritz 'Glamour Rings,' one attached to each drawstring and to the handle. So when you pull up on the handle, the bag cinches shut.

That's my favorite feature, I'm so proud of it. :)

The dimensions of the bag part are 10 1/2" tall x 8" wide (open).

To make this bag, you'll need:

1/3 yd vinyl

1/3 yd lining fabric

a package of 2 Glamour Rings from Dritz (or other handbag ring hardware)

8 medium size (3/8") grommets with the installation tool

Cutting:

From the vinyl, cut:

- 1 rectangle 20 1/4 x 11"
- 1 circle from the circle pattern piece (on page 4)
- 1 rectangle 20" x 4"

From the lining fabric, cut:

- 1 rectangle 20 1/4 x 11"
- 1 circle from the circle pattern piece (on page 4)
- 2 strips 22" x 2"



Sewing:

Use a 1/2" seam allowance.

Tips: don't use pins on the vinyl. The holes won't go away. Dritz Getta Grip clips work great. Make sure you use a heavy duty or leather needle for sewing the vinyl. It makes this project easy.

1. Sew the shorter ends of the large vinyl rectangle together to form a tube. You can't press the seam open with your iron, so use your fingernail or a seam creaser like I did to press it open.

2. Make 3/8" clips around the bottom of the tube to help it fit the bottom circle. Use lots of clips to clip the circle to the bottom.

Fuss with this part a bit now, and then it will sew together easily.

3. Sew the tube to the circle bottom with a 1/2" seam allowance.

4. Cut notches around the bottom of the bag. This will help it turn.

5. Press the top of the lining rectangle down 1/2" twice.

6. Open up the fold (temporarily) and repeat steps 1-4 using the lining rectangle and the lining circle bottom. Then re-press the fold at the top.

7. Place the lining inside the vinyl exterior, letting the fold make a cuff over the top raw edge of the vinyl. Stitch the lining to the exterior close to the folded edge (like a binding).

Grommets and Drawstring:

1. Use an awl to make 8 holes around the bag 3" from the top and approximately 2 1/8" apart. Don't refer to my measurements in the picture. I messed up and my grommets are not equally spaced. For some silly reason I thought it would work with 7 grommets. Guess what? It doesn't.

2. Using small scissors, enlarge each hole in the bag and lining so that it is the right size for a grommet. Install the grommets using the grommet tools and a hammer. I showed that in more detail in my [Rope Handled Bag tutorial](#).

3. Fold the long edges of each 2"x22" strip to the center and press. Fold in half and press again (like double fold bias trim). Stitch the long edge of the drawstring **starting 4" from one end, and stopping 4" from the other end**. Repeat for the other drawstring.

Make the Handle:

1. Draw a line down the center of the vinyl 4"x20" rectangle (on the wrong side). Clip the long edges to the inside along the line.

2. Fold the vinyl strip in half and re-clip.

3. Stitch along both long edges, using your presser foot edge as a guide. note: make sure you are using a leather needle for this step. They sell them at [WAWAK Sewing](#) and Joann's too if you are in a hurry.

4. Wrap one end of the strap through a Glamour Ring stitch down about 1 inch from the ring. My vinyl was not nearly pliable to turn the raw edge under, plus that probably would have broken my needle so I didn't bother. I just colored the raw edges with a sharpie and I bet you never noticed them in the pictures, right?

Repeat with the other Glamour Ring on the other end of the handle.

5. Weave one drawstring in and out of the grommets, threading one of the Glamour Rings through the drawstring at the side of the bag.

6. Stitch the drawstring short ends together. Finger press the seam open.

7. Re-fold the drawstring and finish sewing the long edge.

8. Repeat this process with the second drawstring. Thread it through the grommets in the exact same way, and through the other Glamour Ring on the other side of the bag. Stitch the ends together and finish sewing the long edge.

And that's it! Pull the handle up to cinch the bag.



Circle Bottom Pattern Piece

Cut 1 of vinyl and 1 of lining fabric.

1/2" seam allowance included.