

# Stefanie Sling Bag

The Stefanie Sling bag is a relaxed and funky slouch bag that is reversible and easy to sew.

Hello there, this is Crystelle from [CrystelleBoutique](http://CrystelleBoutique.com), excited to be part of the Bag Ladies Series at the Ribbon Retreat.



The bag I created for this event is called the Stefanie Sling Bag. It is a great go-to bag when running out the door with a few items to pack along.

The Ribbon Retreat has a fabulous large collection of adorable fabrics, so it was hard to narrow down my fabric choice. Finally I decided to use the Jazz Jam collection by Jane Dixon for Andover fabrics in [Jazz Jam Green Instruments](#) and [Jazz Jam Black Diamonds](#) to make the Stefanie Sling Bag.

To sew the Stefanie Sling Bag you will need

- 1 yard main fabric
- 1 yard coordinating fabric
- 28 inches double folded bias tape
- basic sewing supplies

From each of the fabrics cut the following

- (2) 21 x 19 inches – main front and back pieces
- 8 x 35 inch – long strap
- 8 x 15 inch – short strap
- 9” circle {trace a 9 inch plate and cut} – bottom piece

From the main fabric cut

- (2) 2 x 15 inch – ties

Print out the Template A and B



Use a ½ inch seam unless otherwise noted

Place Template A over the end of the 8 x 15 inch short strap, centered  
Pin in place, trace. Extend the lines to the corners on the other end, cut



Take this newly cut short strap piece and place it atop the end of the long 8 x 35 inch piece.  
Trace and cut

Do so for both fabrics.



Cut the top rounding on four main pieces as follows:

Fold your main piece in half width-wise (it now measures 19 x 10.5 inches)

Place Template B on the fold at the top corner of the main piece. Pin, trace, cut



For both the main and contrasting fabric, match up main pieces (right sides together), pin sides, and sew sides.

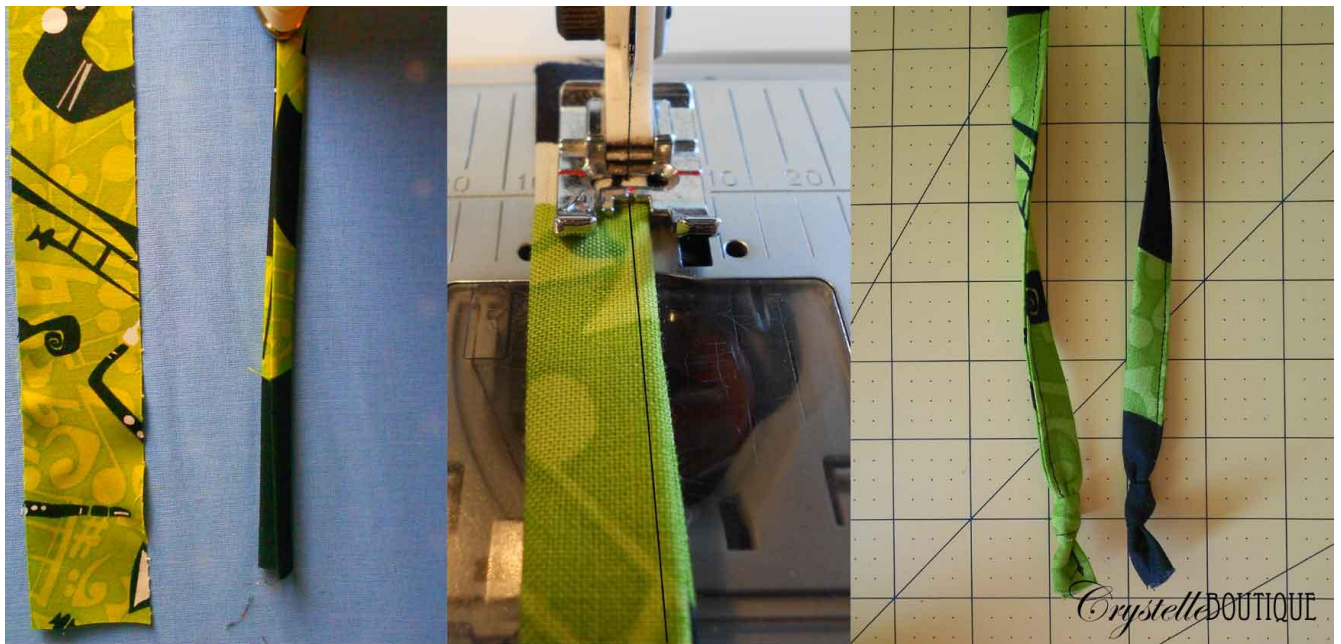


Attach straps by pinning bottom edge of strap to top of main bag, when it is opened up, over the seam. Right sides together, pin in place, sew at ½ inch.

Sew the short strap on one side, and the long strap on the other.



Repeat for contrasting fabric.



To prepare the ties, press them bias-tape-style: fold in half lengthwise, press.

Open; fold the sides into the middle, press.

Fold the middle closed again, press, and stitch both closed, close to the edge.

Tie a knot in the end of each tie.



Pin ties to ties to the top-edge of main fabric (as shown). Attach one to the front panel, one to back. Sew in place, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from edge.



Insert contrast bag into main bag (right sides together), lining up long and short straps. Tuck the ties inside. Pin around the top and straps, and sew at about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch, all the way around.



Make several little clippies around the curves with scissors, about 1/8 inch into the fabric, about 1 inch apart.



Turn bag through bottom opening, so the right sides are now on the outside. Press. Topstitch all the way around the top and straps (at about 1/4 inch).



Line up the bottom edges, pin together, baste (little less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch).

Line up and pin the two circles (wrong sides together), baste around the edges (little less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch)



Turn bag inside out (the contrasting fabric on the outside).

2 inches from the seam, make two 1 inch pleats, about 1 inch apart. Pin in place. Repeat for all sides (for a total of 8 pleats).





Mark 4 equidistant spots on the bottom circle. (Fold in half, then fold in half again – mark a dot on the corner-folds.) Mark center bottom on the front and back of the bag. Line up dots on circle onto centers and side-seams on the bag.

Pin circle onto bag, adjusting the pleats to fit.

Sew in place using  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam.



Trim seam to between  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

Cover up seam with bias tape: Open up bias tape, and fold over edge about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Pin open side of bias tape to the edge of bag (not circle-side), all the way around. End will overlap beginning.

Stitch at  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

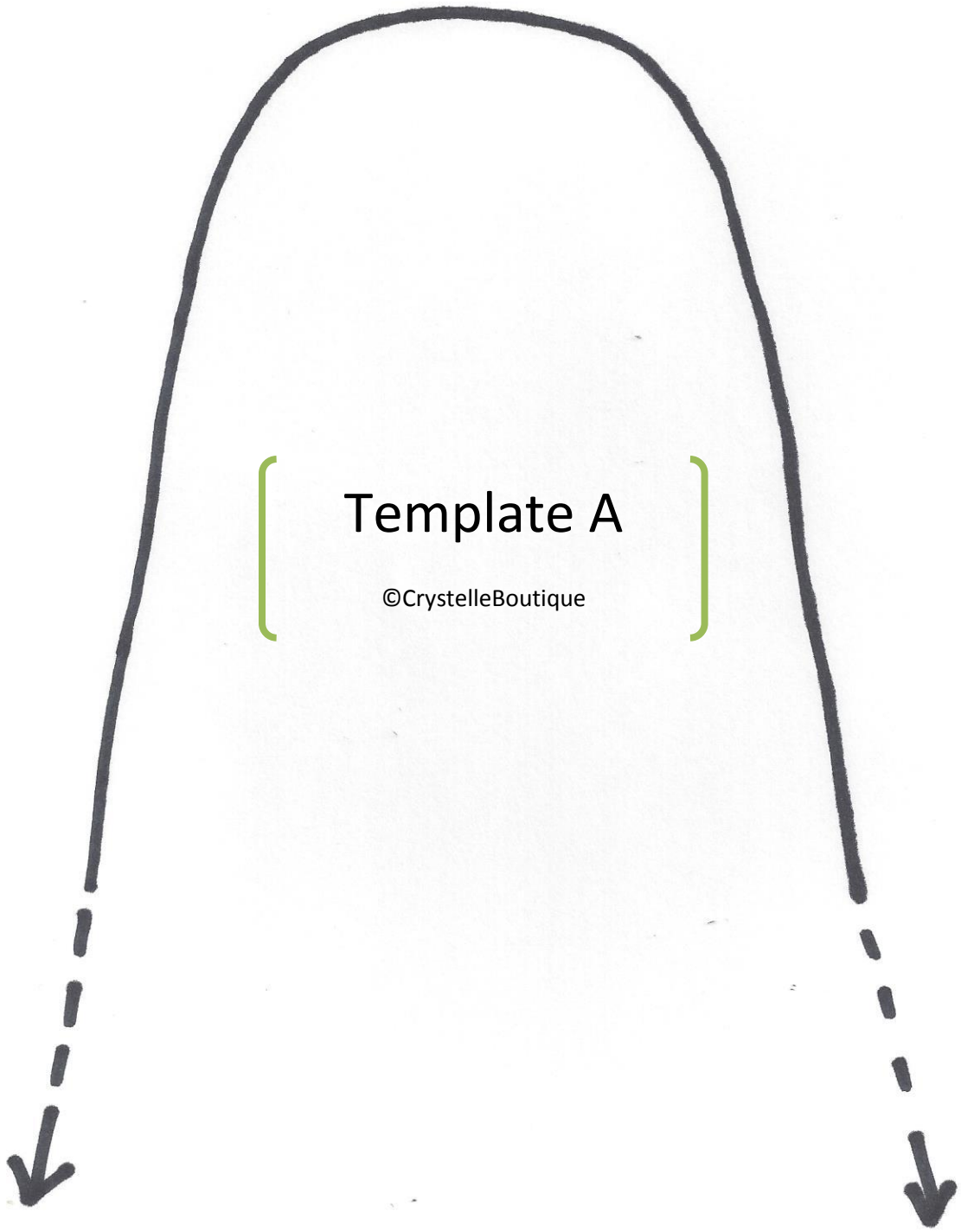
Fold bias tape over seam. Pin in place and topstitch.



This is what your bag will look like on the inside.

Your bag is finished, congratulations and enjoy!! 😊





Template A

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Template B

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