



SCHOOL BACKPACKS

The backpacks are given to Lutheran World Relief

Sewing Kits include:

1 piece of fabric 38" x 16" *OR* 2 pieces 20" x 16".
Two pieces of fabric 3" x 5" (for loops)

DIRECTIONS:

To make loops:

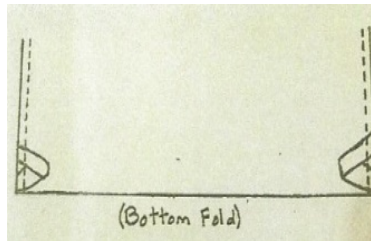
1. With wrong sides together, fold each 3"x 5" piece of fabric in half lengthwise, press.
2. Unfold and on each edge, press a 1/2" fold for seam.
3. Refold in half lengthwise and stitch edges together (you will have two tabs).



To make bag:

1 Piece of fabric – 38" x 16"

1. Using the one long piece (38" x 16"), fold in half right sides of fabric together. Pin sides in place. Place loops on each side towards the inside of bag at bottom fold. Offset loop ends to avoid too much bulk. Pin in place. Continue project with #2 below.

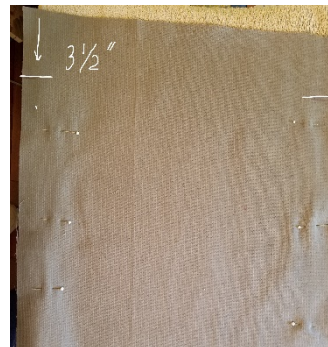


OR

2 Pieces of fabric – 20" x 16"

If using two pieces of fabric, match sides with right side of fabric together. Pin sides together to keep in place. Stitch across bottom. Place loops on each side towards the inside of bag (or stitch to one piece of fabric first about 3/4" from at bottom edge). Offset loop ends to avoid too much bulk. Pin in place.

2. Before stitching the sides, place a mark 3-1/2" down from top (this area will be the casing).
3. Stitch sides of bag from the 3-1/2" mark with a 1/2" seam allowance – it is good to double stitch the area where the loops are.



To form casing on top of bag:

1. Clip seam allowance at 3-1/2" spot down from the top. Open and lay flat the side seam. Then starting at the top on each side seam, fold back 1/2" seam allowance to inside; press. Overcast edge from top down 3-1/2" then across seam and back up to top of other side. Repeat on other side, being careful not to catch bag in seam.



2. Overcast long seam to bottom of bag.
3. Fold down top edge of bag 1/2" to inside; press.
4. Fold top down to inside (wrong sides together) to form a 1-1/2" casing, press. Stitch casing hem.
5. Turn bag right side out, press.



Return completed bag to cabinet behind the Information Desk in marked bins.

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