



SCHOOL BAG PATTERN

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 1/2 yd of sturdy "child-friendly" fabric 45" wide
- Sewing machine and thread (or needle and thread if you prefer to sew by hand)
- Sewing pins
- Iron and ironing board

Carefully measure and cut the fabric so you have two pieces 13" x 17" and two strips 4" x 22".

MAKE THE BAG:

1. Place the 13" x 17" pieces with right sides together; pin and sew 1/2 inch seam on three sides, leaving one 13" side open to be the top of the bag.
2. Fold the top 1/2 inch of the open side down; pin and press with an iron.
3. Then fold down another 2" at the top edge to form a hem; pin and stitch near the pressed edge. This will hide the raw edge and give the bag a sturdy, neat top edge.
4. Turn the bag right side out with the seams on the inside.

MAKE THE HANDLES:

1. Fold one of the 4" X 22" strips in half lengthwise with right sides together. Pin and then stitch the long sides together with a 1/2" seam; then turn the strip right side out. OR turn under 1/2 inch on the long sides of one strip and press. Fold strip with right side out. Top stitch pressed edges together close to edge. Either way, you will have a finished 22" long strip that is 1 1/2" wide.
2. Repeat for the second handle. Press. Now you have two finished handles.

ATTACH THE HANDLES TO THE BAG

1. Turn the short raw ends of the handles inside themselves about 1/2 inch to hide the raw edges. Press.
2. Stitch the handles to the finished edge on the top of the bag about two inches from the side seam. Be sure the handles are not twisted. Attach one handle to one side of the bag and the other handle to the other side of the bag so the bag can be worn as a shoulder bag.

The finished bag will be approximately 12" X 14".

Place CWS School Kit items in bag. Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air from the Ziploc bag, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.

Canvas tote bags can also be used and may be available at area craft and discount stores.

Canvas tote bags may also be purchased online at cwskits.org/bag.

