

# School Bags for Children

## Materials Needed:

Fabric needs to be cotton or canvas. Pattern size 14" by 36"  
2 pcs of 60" paracord or thin rope

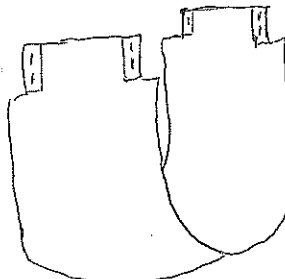
## Cutting Directions:

1. Cut fabric 14" x 36" being mindful that the pattern makes sense when turned long ways.
2. Cut 2 pieces of drawstring cord 60" long each

## Sewing Instructions:

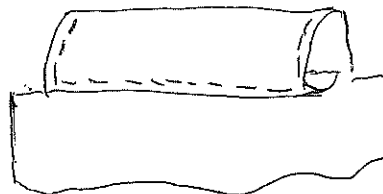
### 1. Make "Casing Side Hem"

- a. Snip into fabric  $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 4" down from either end
- b. Fold Over to make double crease and top stitch.



### 2. Make Casing

- a. Turn under raw edge at both "tops"  $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- b. Now turn under  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " and press
- c. DOUBLE STITCH casing to withstand repeated pulling of cord in casing.

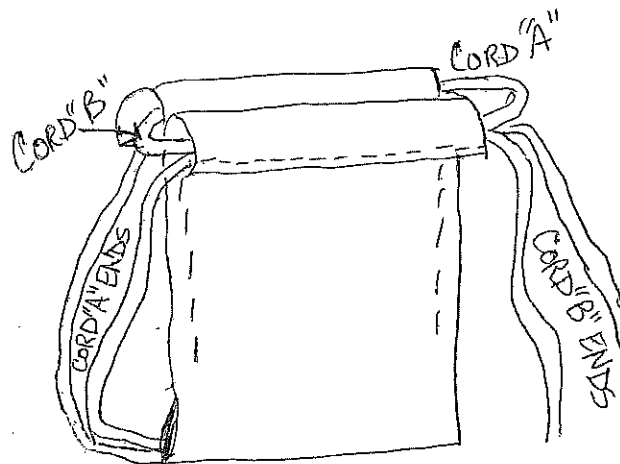


### 3. Making Bag

- a. With right sides together stitch down ea side with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam but stop 1" from the bottom leaving an opening.

### 4. Stringing Cording

- a. Fold String Cord "A" in half and thread one end through either side of casing from RIGHT side.
- b. Fold String Cord "B" in half and thread one end through either side of the casing from LEFT side.
- c. **At this point, pull both strings in each hand to be sure it is strung correctly and it draws closed and opens easily. NOW...TURN BAG RIGHT SIDE OUT...**
- d. Draw loose ends of drawstring "A" down left side EXTERIOR of bag and insert through opening into interior of bag. SECURE WELL W/ STITCHING
- e. Draw loose ends of drawstring "B" down left side EXTERIOR of bag and insert through opening into interior of bag. SECURE WELL W/ STITCHING



### 5. Finishing Bag

- a. Turn bag inside out and finish seams down sides to prohibit the interior from raveling
- b. Now turn bag right side out and iron seams open.

Secure cord so that it runs down the OUTSIDE of the bag and is secured on the INSIDE!