

School Bags for Children

Materials Needed:

Fabric stiff enough to hold school books, pattern size 13"W x 30"L
About 3 yards or 104" of drawstring (cut in half-52")

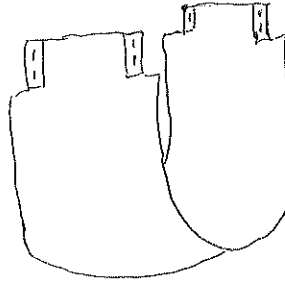
Cutting Directions:

1. Cut fabric 13"W x 30"L
2. Cut 2 pieces of drawstring 52" long each

Sewing Instructions:

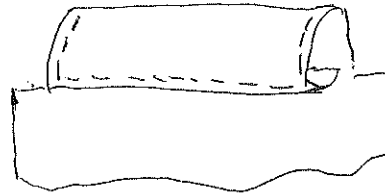
1. Make "Casing Side Hem"

- 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" $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- b. Now turn under $1\frac{3}{4}$ " and press
- c. DOUBLE STITCH casing to withstand repeated pulling of cord in casing.

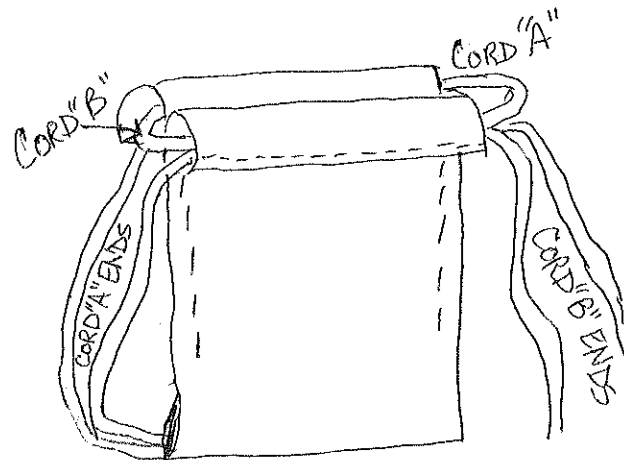


3. Making Bag

- a. With right sides together stitch down each side until 1" from bottom, leaving 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



String cord so that it runs down outside of bag & is secured on inside!

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.