



# SCHOOL BAG PATTERN

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

1/2 yd of "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

## 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

Turn the short raw ends of the handles inside themselves about 1/2 inch to hide the raw edges. Press. Then stitch the handles to the finished edge on the top of the 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](http://cwskits.org/bag).

