SCHOOL BACK PACK INSTRUCTIONS As of July 2010



Materials needed:

Fabric: 14" x 36" piece of medium to heavy weight, durable material. Two weights

of material can be used as the top part of the back pack must be of fabric that

can gather easily.

Drawstring: Two 66" pieces of 3/8" cording or tape folded and sewn to a similar size.

Webbing: Two 3" pieces of 1/2" to 1" wide webbing.

Steps:

 With the wrong side up, fold in the right corner at an angle with 1/3" at the top and slanting it to end 3" down the side. Stitch in place.





On the right side, the stitching will look this.



2. Follow the same procedure on the left corner.



3. Repeat with the other two corners.

 Form a casing on each end by turning material down 1 ½", wrong sides together, and stitch ¼" from the cut edge.



5. Put right sides together, with the top edges even.



6. Locate the 3" piece of webbing.



7. Fold the webbing in half.



Place it inside the bag at the bottom of the fold with the cut ends lining up with the edge of the bag.



9. Stitch the side seam, 1/4" from the edge, firmly securing the webbing by sewing over it

2 or 3 times. Continue sewing the side seam to the top casing stitching. Do not pass the stitching of the casing. This needs to be left open to insert the cording.





- 10. Back stitch at the end of the seam.
- 11. Do the same on the other side of the back pack, inserting the webbing, stitching over the webbing 2 or 3 times, continuing the side seam to the casing stitching, and back stitching.



Your product should look similar to this while it is wrong side out.



12. Turn the back pack right side out and the webbing loops should show at the bottom.



- 13. If you have cording, for the drawstring, go to step 15.
- 14. If you have tape, fold it in half and stitch close to the edge.







15. Place a large safety pin in the end of the cording or tape and feed it through the casing.





16. When you reach the other side, feed it back through the second side so both ends come out the same side.





17. Make both ends of the cording or tape even.



18. Put the pin in the other piece of cording or tape and thread it through the casing. Start on the opposite side (the side that doesn't have the cording ends).



19. When you reach the other side, thread the cording or tape back through the second side, again making both ends come out the same side.





20. Thread the cording or tape through the webbing loop on the same side of the bag. Tie both ends together with an overhand knot. Do the same on the other side to complete your work.





The school back pack can be gathered at the top by pulling on the drawstrings giving ample room for the child to place the cording over their shoulders.





Empty school back packs should be sent without pulling the drawstring closed.



Items needed for a school back pack:

- · 4 unsharpened pencils
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 box pre-sharpened or unsharpened assorted colored pencils (approximately 7" long, about 12 pencils to a box)
- · 1 pair blunt-nosed scissors with metal blades
- 1 rubber pencil eraser (approximately 1" by 2")
- · 1 straight edge ruler—not to exceed 12", with metric measurements
- 450 pages of paper in glued or spiral-bound notebooks or letter-size legal pads, all with lined sheets. Sheet sizes 8 ½" by 11", 8" by 10 ½", and 8 ½" by 11 ¾" are acceptable (no more than 6 notebooks or pads per kit).