

SCHOOL BAGS FOR HEAD START PROGRAM

Fabrics of medium to heavy weight are best (denim, twill, corduroy or similar). No political, religious or military symbol fabrics.

Bag Size: 15" x 30"

Handles: (2) 4" x 18"

Finished Bag Size: 14" x 13 3/4"

Bag:

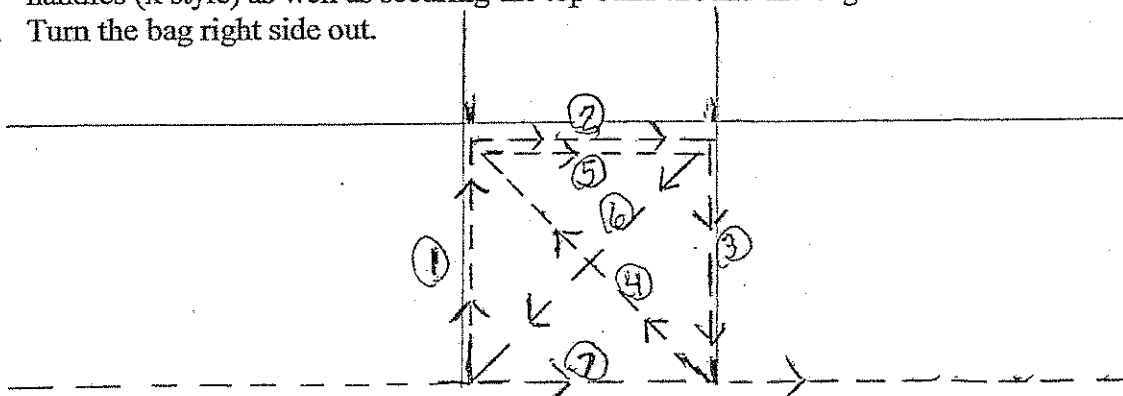
1. Both ends of the bag should be serged first. If not serging, turn under 1/4" and stitch or zigzag edge.
2. Fold bag, right sides together so top edges meet. Stitch 1/2" side seams and backstitch at top and bottom of each seam.
3. Pin under 1" at top of bag.

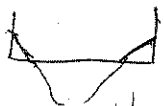
Handles:

1. Serge, zigzag or turn under ends of handles and stitch close to the edge before applying.
2. Iron in 1/4" to 1/2" on each long side of handles. Fold handles in half lengthwise, meeting the folded edges and iron.
3. Stitch each folded handle together close to the side edge.

Finishing:

1. Pin the handles to the wrong side of the bag 3" from each side seam, making sure the bottom edge of the handle is even with the bottom edge of hem. You will have one handle on each side of the bag.
2. Starting at the side seam, sew hem up to the first handle and sew as in the diagram below (up, across, down, kittycorner up, across, then kittycorner down and across, to finish stitching the hem and repeat on the other end of the handle) to aid in reinforcing the handles (x style) as well as securing the top band around the bag.
3. Turn the bag right side out.



Inside of bags, sew  *at bottom to Sg off.*
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