

KTCC's Collapsible Book Bag

We have developed a Kids That Care Club (KTCC) Collapsible Book Bag that is easy to make and is the perfect way to give school supplies to the students in the Congo. These children live in extreme poverty and most likely have never received any school supplies in their life. Imagine living on less than \$1.00 a day and having to walk for miles to get to school. Our book bag will be a great gift, plus it will have new pencils, a sharpener, a notebook and a welcome card designed by you! See our Welcome Card instruction guide for more information.

These book bags are easy to make, but if you don't feel comfortable sewing by yourself, ask an adult for some help.

Materials Needed

- Piece of fabric measuring 15" x 35"*
- KTCC Collapsible Book Bag pattern/instructions
- KTCC iron on label - provided by KTCC
- 2 pieces of 1" nylon tape - provided by KTCC
- Scissors
- Sewing Pins
- Needle and thread for basting
- Yardstick
- Permanent marker

* We suggest cotton or a cotton blend fabric that is plain or a print that is suitable for children in elementary and secondary schools. Bags that are made with outlandish and unacceptable prints will be discarded.

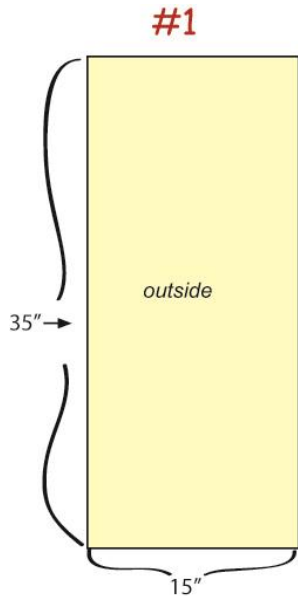
Additional Equipment

- Sewing machine and thread
- Iron for ironing on label



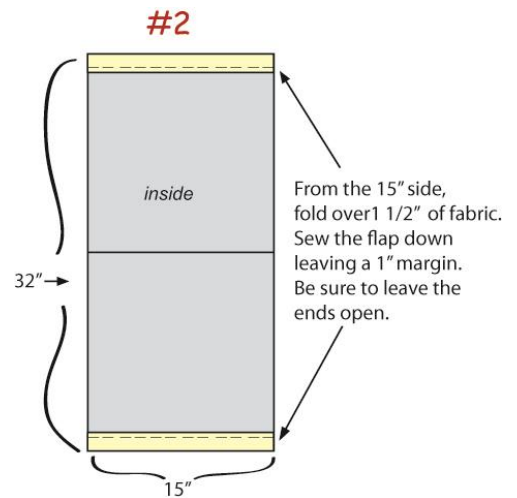
KTCC Collapsible Book Bag Instructions

Select a piece of fabric that is either plain or has a light print that is suitable for an elementary or high school student. Cotton or a cotton blend fabric works best. Contact KTCC to request the nylon tape pieces and the KTCC Iron-on Labels. Please specify how many bags are being made.



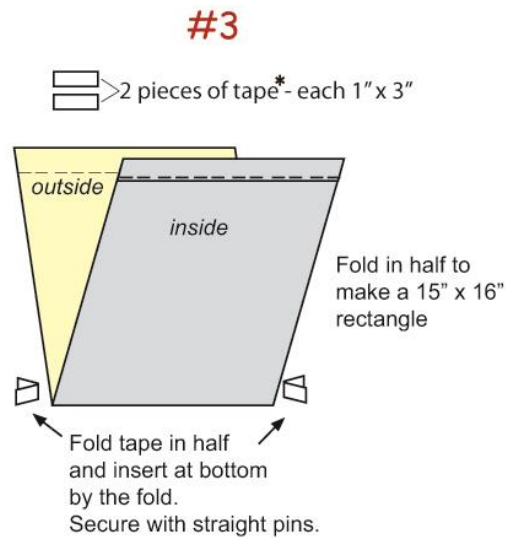
#1 - Cut a piece of fabric to 35" x 15".

#2 - Fold the top and bottom edges 1 1/2" towards the inside of the fabric (on the 15" side) and sew the flap down leaving a 1" margin.



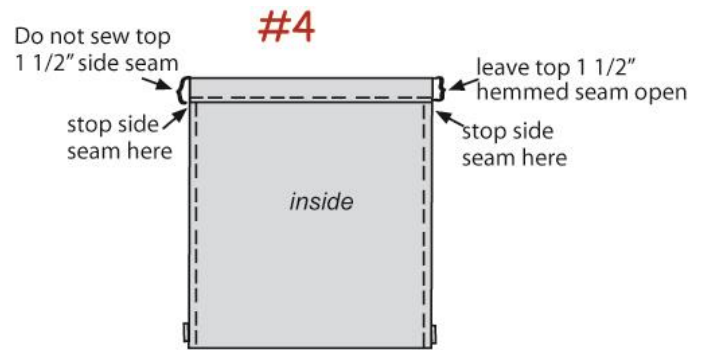
#3 - Fold the fabric in half to make a 15" x 16" rectangle with the inside of the fabric facing out. Take the 1" x 3" nylon tape pieces and fold each of them in half to make a 1" x 1 1/2" piece.

Insert the folded tapes in between each side seam according to #3 on the instructions. The tape fold should be facing in. Secure the tape and seam together with sewing pins. It is recommended to baste the pieces together before stitching on the sewing machine.



*Note: Tape is provided by KTCC.

#4 - Sew the sides with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Start at the fold and sew up the side seam until you reach the top $1\frac{1}{2}$ " flap. Do the same on the other side.



Sew $\frac{1}{2}$ " side seams securing tape. Stop sewing the side seam at $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the bag. The top seams are for threading nylon cording through for the handles.

#5 - Remove any pins and turn the bag inside out.

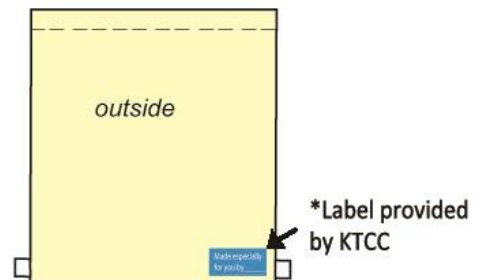
#6 - Place the KTCC iron-on label on the lower right hand corner, glue side down.

Put the iron at the cotton setting. Do not use steam.

Hold the hot iron on the label for 5-10 seconds to apply the label to the bag.

Write your first name only on the label using a black permanent marker.

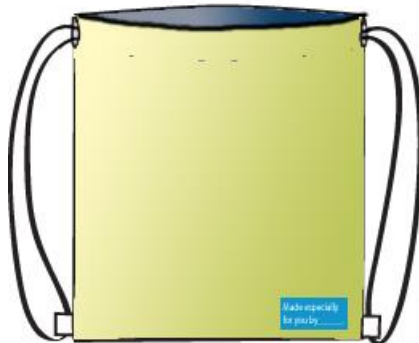
#5 -#6



Turn bag inside out. Place iron on label* in the lower right hand corner. Use a warm iron to apply the label. Write your first name with a permanent marker on the label.

*Note: Iron on label provided by KTCC.

#7



Finished Bag

#7 - When you have completed your bag, send it to KTCC where we will insert the nylon cords for the backpack straps.

KTCC Book Bag Submission Form

Date: _____ # of KTCC Book Bags: _____

Name (individual or group): _____

How many people participated to assemble the bags? _____

Total amount of time to assemble the bags: _____ hours

Address: _____

Contact name (if different than above): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please send completed book bags and form to:

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