

# BACKPACK SCHOOL BAGS

**Note: If making backpacks for Secondary Kits  
Lengthen the strap to 49" and the backpack could be  
A little larger. (Try one on)**

Cut one – 14" X 36" piece of fabric

Cut one – 43" X 1" web or fabric strap (May be longer (49") for older children)

Need one – 36" shoe string or cable cord

Make placement marks on fabric's right side as follows:

- 1 ½" down from center top make a ¾" button hole marking.
- From bottom up make 3 placement marks for back straps.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> mark is in center of fabric 2" up from bottom edge.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> marks will be 14" up from bottom edge and 3" in from each side. Note diagram.

Make all markings on right side of fabric.

Serge or zigzag around rectangle.

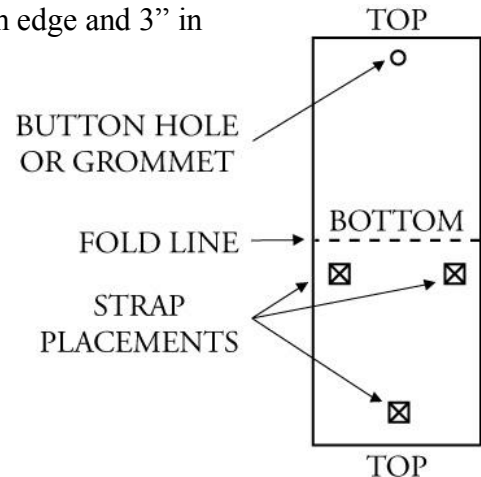
Make the ¾" buttonhole in center top.


Can use a 0 size grommet instead of buttonholes.

Be sure to reinforce eyelet with fabric.

If using eyelet, sew cord at the middle of the back

Before flapping over and sewing casing down.

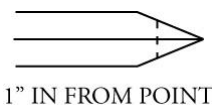


Next find the center of the length of strap. This will go on the center bottom mark, making sure the strap is 2" above bottom edge. Secure by sewing strap down with an X inside a square. 

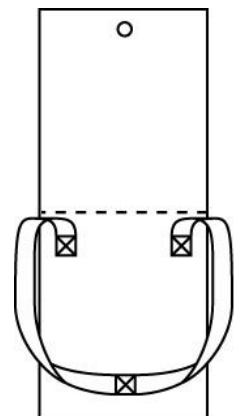
Next lay the ends of the strap, one on each mark with the ends pointing down towards the bottom edge. Sew down the two strap ends with the X inside a square. Strap should look like the diagram.

Now bring bottom and top edges together with right sides together and sew ¼" – ½" side seams. (The strap will be inside of the bag at this time.)

Next to make a box bottom, open the side seam at the bottom of bag to form a point. Sew in 1" across point.



Now turn down top edge of bag one time to make a 1" casing for drawstring. Sew in about ¼" from inside edge. Turn bag right side out and thread draw string through casing. That's it!



Check the string to make sure it draws.