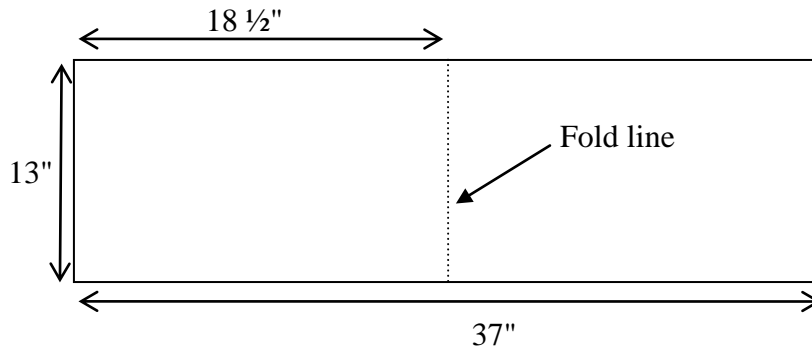


BACKPACK (Cord Straps) SCHOOL BAG

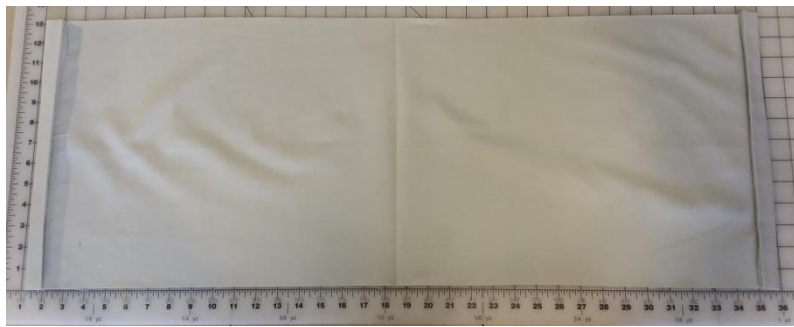
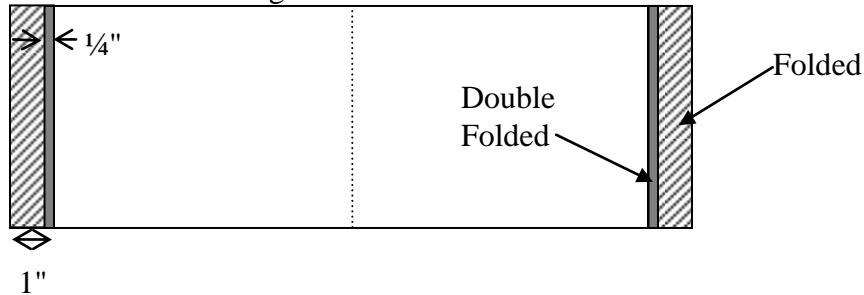
Finished size 12"x17"

Instructions:

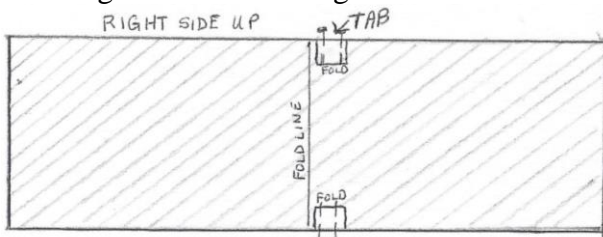
1. Cut out one piece of fabric 13" wide and 37" long. Fold the material (wrong sides together) in half (width wise) to form a rectangle 13" x 18 ½", and iron the fold line.



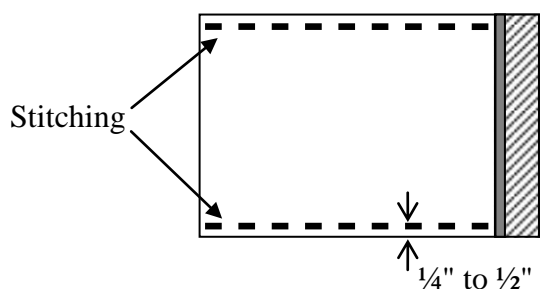
2. Fold and iron down ¼" across the width of each end of the material. Then fold over each end once more to make a 1 inch casing for the cord.



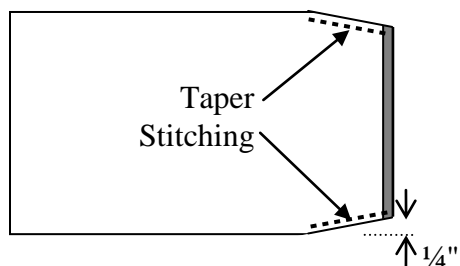
3. To do tabs rather than grommets, do this step is instead of step #7: Cut two 2 ½" pieces of twill tape or webbing (or make from fabric) for the tabs. Fold each tab in half and pin to the right side of fabric against the seam edge about an inch from the fold line with all cut edges together.



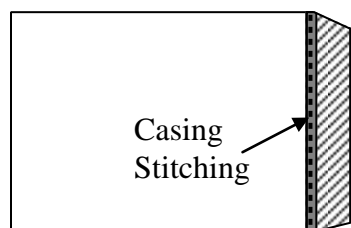
4. Fold the material (right sides together) in half (width wise) to form a rectangle 13" x 17 1/4". Stitch each side of the bag from the bottom fold up to the folded over casing point. Reinforce tab area, by backstitching over entire tabs. Allow for 1/4 to 1/2 inch side seams.



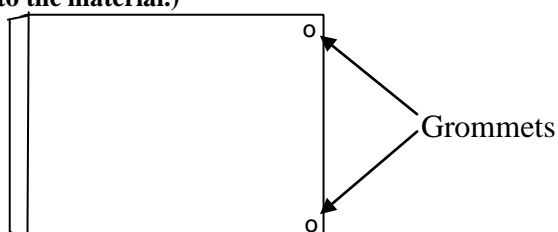
5. Open up the folded casing and fold in the un-sewed portion of each of the side seams (1/4" tapered to meet the seam already sewed). Stitch each of these to form a finished edge for the casing on both sides of the bag.



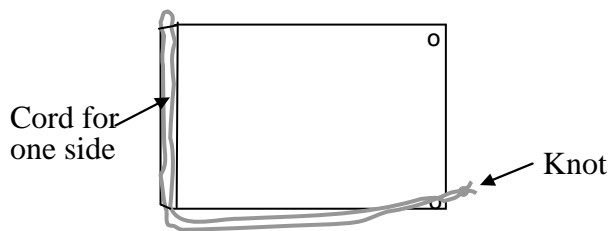
6. Refold the casing to its former position and stitch down the casing on both sides of the bag. Side seams can be serged or finished with an overcast stitch once the casing is sewn down.



7. For grommets rather than tabs, do this step instead of step #3. Turn the bag right side out. Attach two 1/4" eyelet grommets to the bottom (right and left) corners close to the fold and seam. (P.S. Grommets can be purchased at most fabric stores or even dollar stores. They come with a tool that is used to attach them to the material.)



8. Cut two pieces of macramé cord or cotton clothesline cord 68 inches in length. Pull one cord through the whole casing and down the side of the bag to the tab or grommet. Pull both ends of the cord through the tab or grommet and tie them into a secure knot. Repeat the same procedure with the other cord starting at the opposite side of the bag. Make sure that both cords are knotted on the same side of the bag.



9. You now have a finished backpack with straps that can be adjustable just by tying the knot higher up on the cord.

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