

CTA Book CTA Book Bags

Supplies for 2 book bags:

21 inches of heavy weight material, at least 56 to 60 inches wide: upholstery, canvas, Home Dec. etc.

1 piece 3 inches of Velcro sew-in Hook and Loop tape (1.5 inch piece per bag)

2 "Made by Pierce Co. CTA's" tags.

Cutting:

Cut 2 strips of fabric, 3 inches wide by WOF. Each strip is the continuous strap-handle for one bag.

From the remaining 15 inches of material, cut it in half so each bag-body is 15 inches high and 28 to 30 inches wide depending on the WOF.



Constructing the straps:

Iron the straps lengthwise, folded, wrong sides together. Straps are now 1 1/2 inches wide. Open the straps, and fold the raw edges into the center fold. Iron again - the straps are now 3/4 inches. Edgestitch the open side (2 folds) of the straps. If you cut off the selvage, zig-zag the ends, or leave it on.



Prepare the bags:

Zig-zag or serge the three cut edges. Then fold down one of the long sides one inch, wrong sides together, and iron it. This is the only hem.

Insert the CTA label into the hem. Straight stitch the hem through the zig-zagged edge. If the fabric is directional, the hem is at the top.

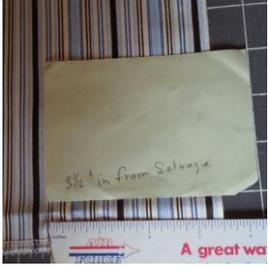
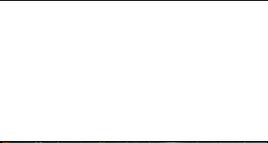
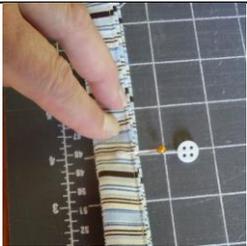


Construction - Use a half inch seam allowance.

Fold the bag so it is about 15 inches square. If the selvage is more than a half-inch, ease that edge beyond the zig-zagged edge so it's within the seam allowance, and mark where that fold is. Lay the bag open, right side up. Take the strap-handle shaped like an upside down U, with the sewn edge on the outside of the U. (on the far right and far left as you look at the strap. Do not twist the strap.



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<p>Measure 3 inches from where the fold will be, and place the sewn side of the strap -matching the bottom of the strap with the bottom of the bag- 3 inches in from the fold. At the zig-zag and selvage side, place the sewn side of the strap 3.5 inches in from the edge.</p>	
<p>Fold the bag right sides together, Pin, and Sew the one side seam, 90 degree turn, and sew the bottom, reinforcing the bottom straps by sewing over them a couple of times.</p>	
<p>Trim the corners and turn the bag right side out. Decide which side will be the back. The strap will be sewn to the top of the back only.</p>	
<p>Finishing Fold the bag on the top to find the center of the back. Mark with a pin.</p>	
<p>Place the center pin/mark at 3.5 inches on a ruler. Mark the top of the bag at 0 and 7 inches for strap placement</p>	
<p>Re-fold the bag, on the bottom, and match the strap from the bottoms to where it folds in the center.</p>	
<p>Measure 4 inches down from the center fold and chalk or pin across the two parts of the strap (8 inches between the chalk marks.)</p>	

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The strap is attached at the top hem by matching the strap chalk marks with the top edge of the bag, and the sewn edge of the strap is placed inside each of the 2 marks on the hem that are 7 inches apart.



Attach the straps to the back by sewing a box with an x inside on each strap, using the straps and the hem for the size of the box. This book bag has loopy back pack straps as well as a handle



Closure and label.

Using that center back pin, place the hook side of the Velcro tape centered on the back of the bag. Sew it down on all 4 sides in the center of the top hem.

Gently place the loop half of the Velcro on top of the hooks, and lay the bag closed on the table. If you pick up the front of the bag with the looped Velcro, between your fingers, that is where you should sew the looped half of the Velcro so the bag closes evenly.

