

How to Make a Book Bag for the **BOOK AHEAD** Organization

Our mission is to provide underserved children between the ages of 0 and 5 a book for every month of the year with the goal of increasing early literacy and positive parent/child interactions.
<https://www.abookahead.org>



Cut 1 piece of woven cotton fabric 14" wide X 23" long for the bag. *(please no fleece, flannel or home dec fabric)*

Cut 1 piece 4" X 36" of the same or contrasting fabric for the handles.

Fold over $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the piece of fabric on the short sides of the bag piece. Next, fold this over 1". Press. Topstitch both folded edges.

Pin right sides of the bag piece together and sew side seams with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Zigzag or serge seams to finish the raw edges.

To make the straps, take the 4" by 36" strip and fold in half lengthwise. Open and press raw edges to the crease you just made. Fold again. The strip will now measure 1" by 36". Topstitch along both long edges. Cut the strip in half. The straps should now measure 1" by 18".

Fold the short ends of the straps under $\frac{1}{4}$ ". "Place handles 3" in from bag side seams on the inside of the bag, and sew down securely.

Bag should measure 13" wide by 10" high.
You're done! Thank You!!!!

We are also collecting new and gently used books for children under 5 until May 1

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OQG Notes – The organization has a goal of 3000 bags this year so we will work though the year to assist. Bring the bags (and books) to our meeting and we will get them to the Book Ahead organization.

Thanks!
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