

## Backpack Tutorial by Carolyn KIDZONTHEROCK

These vary in size according to the age of the child that I'm making them for. This one is for an 8 year old boy.



I cut this one 35 inches by 15 1/2 inches. I folded it in half to make the fold the bottom of the backpack. (It saves me time in having to sew another seam.)

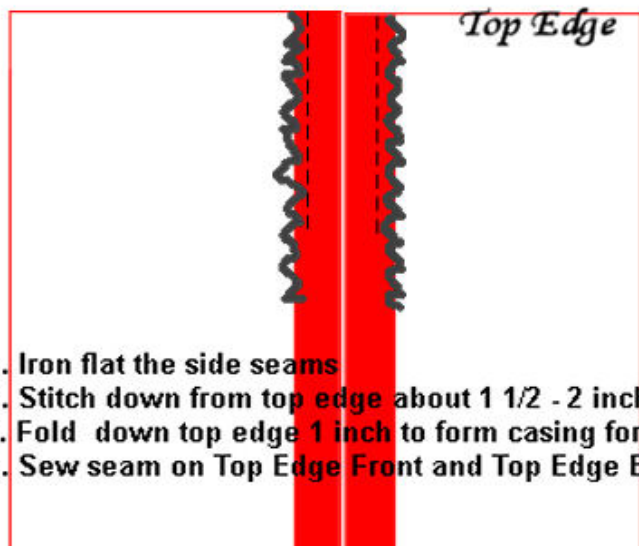
Embroider your design. I started my design 6 inches down from the top edge. (6 inches to the top of my hoop not the middle of my hoop.)

Overcast or serge the edges. I do the top edge as well as 2 inches down each side. (If you have a serger, you might just go around the whole piece of fabric since it's so quick. For me, it takes forever.)



Turn fabric right sides together.

Start your side seams about 2 inches below the top edge. I used a 5/8 inch seam allowance.



Use a 3/4 inch seam allowance to sew along the top edge fold.



Trim corners and turn inside out.



Add grommets to corners. I measured a 1/2 inch in from the side and from the bottom.

[If you do not have a grommet kit, you could probably just use a loop of fabric or something and sew it into the seams when stitching up the sides.]

For this bag I used 2 pieces of string, approx. 34 inches long each.

After doing a couple of these, I figured out how to do the drawstring properly. You need to go from the LEFT corner grommet up to the LEFT drawstring seam, around to the back drawstring seam, then back down to the LEFT corner grommet.

Do the same thing starting from the RIGHT side.



I pull the strings through the grommet and tie a double knot. I used “clothesline” that I bought at WalMart. I got 100 feet for \$2.97. I heat sealed the edges.

That’s it! I hope this helps.  
Hugs,  
Carolyn