

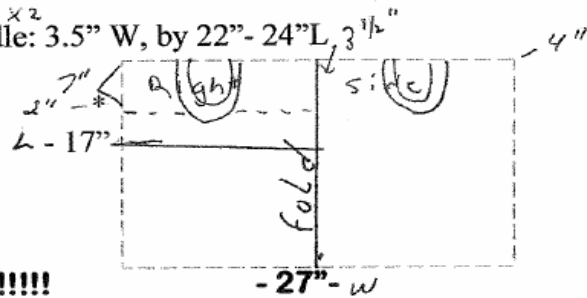
BOOK BAGS FOR TANZANIA

* Ruth Hellig's pattern-Lutheran World Relief

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED: (We have material on hand)

27" Wide by 26" Long -Facing: 2"W 27"L - Handle: 3.5" W, by 22"- 24"L

Thread to match material
Sewing machine
Ruler/Tape measure/Pins/Scissors
Iron and ironing board



HOW TO SEW BAG: DO NOT WASH FIRST!!!!

IRON MATERIAL:

1. Measure material 27" wide by 26" long (before cutting)
2. Fold material in half (right sides together) to make it 13 1/2" wide and 26"L
3. Measure from bottom up and mark material at 17" Long (don't cut yet)
4. Measure two inches from top and draw a line width of material. (This gives you One finished edge.
5. Measure remaining material and evenly divide into two "handles" usually 3.5" wide.
6. Measure the length to 22" to 24" long. (Cut length after you cut out the rest of material.
7. Cut material so you have a folded piece that measures approx. 13" by 17," cut the 2"W by 27"L facing piece," and cut two 22" to 24"L by 3.5"W handles.
8. Open out material to right side and press if necessary.
9. Handles: With material right side out, fold the long sides of the unfinished edges to inside, so the raw edges don't show, (about 1/4) AND PRESS with Iron. Stitch the folded long edges together, leaving the short edges open.
10. With material (27"Width) right side out, measure in 4" from top edge and place one raw edge of handle, pin in place, measure in 3 1/2" from top fold crease line, place other end of handle (looks like a horseshoe -U), repeat this step for handle on other side. Pin in place and then stitch in place. (You can stitch from end to end of material 1/2" from top edge, to secure handles it in place) *see drawing above.
11. Facing: If there is a raw edge, fold right side of material to inside 1/4 inch and stitch. Otherwise, place right side of facing to right side of material (raw edges together)
Pin and stitch, stitching through the handles as well.
12. Pin and Stitch bottom edge of facing to material on inside.
13. Turn material to wrong sides and pin bottom and side together.
Stitch bottom and side making sure to keep material from "bunching" up at top of bag..

HINTS: If you have a plain bag, before sewing sides and bottom, add a pocket, draw a picture, iron on appliqué, or any creative design you like.

If material is less inches than above pattern, you will need to make handles and facing from another piece of material.

27"W by 17"L works best. If using other sized material, see Jan's pattern.