

Moroni's Promise Satchel Instructions

Each Participant will need a basic satchel to hold scriptures, a water bottle, a pencil, and other materials at the Moroni's Promise youth event. Use satchels or bags you already have, if possible. A sample satchel can also be sewn using the following directions.

Choose earth-tone colors & patterns that are true to the Book of Mormon time period. Please no modern fabrics including pink leopard, floral prints, camo, bright neon colors, etc.

Directions:

1. Prepare fabric
 - a. Wash and dry fabric; iron if necessary
2. Measure and cut fabric
 - a. From sturdy material, cut two straps and two bag pieces.
 - i. Bag pieces: 13" x 21"
 - ii. Strap piece: 32" x 5"
3. Sew bag pieces
 - a. Match both bag pieces together with the right sides (the outside) facing in
 - b. Sew a 1/2 inch seam along Side A
 - c. Repeat with Side B, forming a wide tube with openings at both ends.
 - d. Turn the bag so the right side is out and flatten, matching the seams together. The body of the bag will not be double-thickness.
 - e. Fold the bag in half, creating two sides with raw edges and a double seam lined up at the bottom of the bag.
 - f. Sew Side C through all four layers. Finish the Raw edge with a zigzag stitch if desired.
 - g. Repeat with Side D
 - h. Flatten the bottom corner by matching the side seam to the center-bottom seam and sew across it 1 1/2 inches from the point. This will form a box-shaped bottom.
 - i. Repeat on the other side.
 - j. Turn right-side out and set aside.
4. Sew strap pieces
 - a. Sew the two strap pieces together end to end.
 - b. Fold the strap together with the long sides matching so it is 2 1/2 inches by 64 inches with the right sides of the fabric together.
 - c. Stitch along the length of the strap with a 1/2 inch seam and pin each side of the bag, extending 7 inches down each side of the bag
 - d. Adjust for length as necessary. Make sure the strap is long enough to cross your body hanging over one shoulder.
5. Sew strap to bag
 - a. Stitch the strap to the bag in a rectangular shape.
 - b. Repeat on the other side.
6. Bag fastener
 - a. Sew Velcro or hot glue two magnets to both sides of the inside top of the bag to hold it together

