



Back-To-School Satchel  
Free Project Download  
for First Friday at Tammy Gilley Studios  
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## Gathering Supplies:

$\frac{3}{4}$  yard for satchel, straps, and drawstring  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  yard for lining

## Cut it up:

Cut two 14"x15" rectangles from satchel fabric  
Cut two 2½"x27" strips from satchel fabric  
Cut one 1½"xWOF (width of fabric) strip from satchel fabric  
Cut two 14"x15" rectangles from lining fabric

## Get to Work:

All seams are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

### *Make the button holes.*

On your satchel front piece, mark the location of the button holes in the center of the panel and 1¼" from the top edge. Leave ½" between the button holes. Make each button hole  $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Slit completed button holes open down the center.

### *Make the straps.*

With RST, fold 2 ½"x27" strips in half lengthwise. Stitch, turn and press. Topstitch along each long edge of strips.

### *Attach straps to satchel.*

Pin straps to bottom of satchel back, so that raw edges are even, and straps are 1" from side edges. Baste.

With RST (right sides together) stitch two satchel rectangles together around three sides, leaving top open, and keeping straps clear of seams. Press

With RST (right sides together) stitch two lining rectangles together around three sides, leaving top open, and also leaving about a 3" opening in one of the side seams. Turn RSO (right side out) and press. Set aside.

Pull straps through top of satchel and pin ends of straps side by side to center of satchel top edge. Be careful that straps don't twist. Baste.

*Attach the satchel to the lining.*

Place the right side of the lining to the right side of the satchel by putting the lining RSO into the satchel, which is WSO (wrong side out). Sort of like you're double-bagging at the grocery store.

Matching the side seams up, stitch the satchel and lining together around the top edge. Be sure straps are carefully tucked inside.

Turn satchel right side out. Whipstitch the opening closed, and tuck lining back into satchel. Topstitch along top edge of satchel.

*Make the casing for drawstring.*

Stitch  $\frac{3}{4}$ " from top edge of satchel. Stitch again 1- $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the line you just stitched.

*Make the drawstring.*

With RST, fold 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strip in half lengthwise. Stitch (be sure to backstitch at each end), turn and press. Press raw edges under. Since we used the entire width of fabric, your drawstring ends are selvages, so they don't need to be finished in any way. Yahoo!

*Feed the drawstring through the casing.*

Attach a large safety pin to one end of the drawstring. Insert the safety pin into one button hole and pull the drawstring through the casing and out the other button hole. Remove the safety pin and tie a knot at each end of the drawstring.

Voila! You're finished...off to school...or the market...or the library.