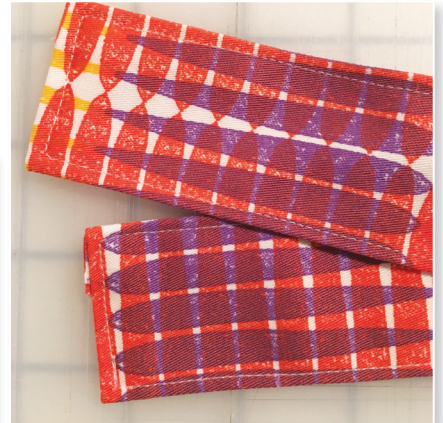
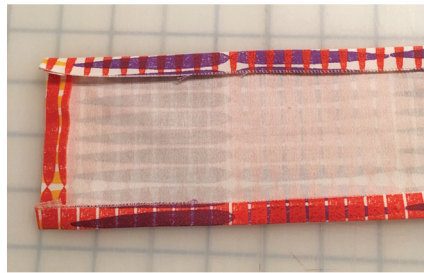


READY FOR SCHOOL! BOOK BAG

MAKE THE STRAPS

- Press to the wrong side $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of fabric on both of the short ends of each strap. Next, press to the wrong side $\frac{1}{2}$ inch on both of the long sides of each strap. Now fold the straps the long way, with wrong sides together and press flat.
- Stitch close to the edge all the way around both straps. Set the straps aside.



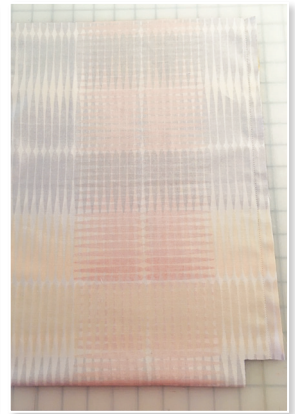
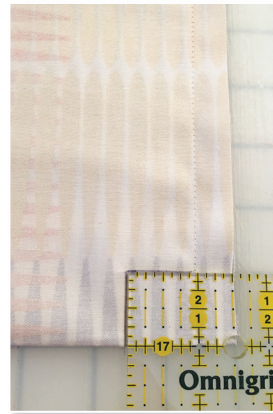
MAKE THE BAG, OPTION 1

- Fold the bag fabric in half, with rights sides together. Trim edges so that they are even, if necessary.

- Pin the bag sides, inserting the *Sew Good Goods* tag into the seam allowance about 5 inches down from the top of the bag. Stitch down both sides of the bag, with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam.



- With a ruler, mark an upside down "L" one inch up from the bottom and one inch in from the side stitching, in both lower corners of the bag. Carefully cut out the two squares.



- Open the bag at the bottom, where the square was just cut, and flatten and pin the cut edges together.

Repeat in the other corner.



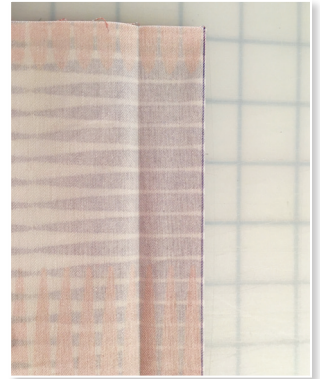
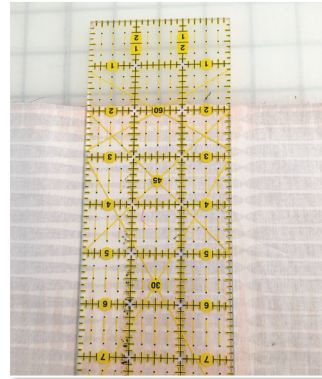
- Sew across, with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowance. You have now made a nice, squared-off bottom on the school bag!



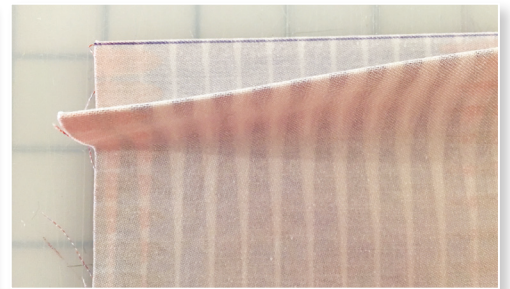
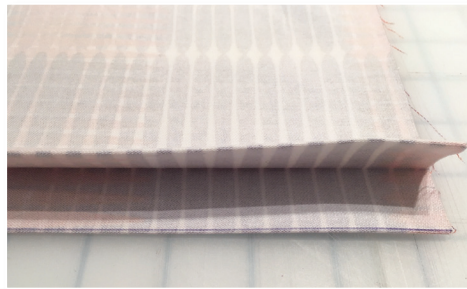
MAKE THE BAG, OPTION 2

- Fold the bag in half, with wrong sides together. Press a crease at the bottom of the bag.

- Open the bag and set it on a flat surface with the wrong side up. With a clear ruler, mark a line one inch to the right of the crease. Press the fabric on this line, so that the right sides are together.



- Next, flip the bag over and press a matching line across the other side of the bag. The crease you made first along the bottom of the bag is now sandwiched between the second two creases, and the right sides of the bag are together.



- Pin the sides, inserting the *Sew Good Goods* tag into the seam allowance about 5 inches down from the top of the bag. Sew the sides with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch seam allowance. You have now made a nice, squared-off bottom (of a different sort) on the school bag!



HEM THE TOP AND ADD THE STRAPS

- Press under $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of fabric along the top of the bag to the wrong side. Then press under 1 more inch to the wrong side. Pin and sew close to the edge, all the way around.



- On the inside of the bag, pin the straps 2 inches from the side seams and 1 inch down from the top, on both sides of the bag. Attach by sewing a rectangle around the edges of the straps, with an X in the middle for reinforcement.



THAT'S IT! READY FOR SCHOOL!