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Oxford Shirt Backpack Create especially for Pfaff

Recycle a man's dress shirt and create an adorable backpack to carry your essentials. We chose an oxford stripe, but plaids or solids would be perfect, too. This is a great project for the up and coming designer! Learn sewing basics such as how to make simple seams, casings and buttonholes.

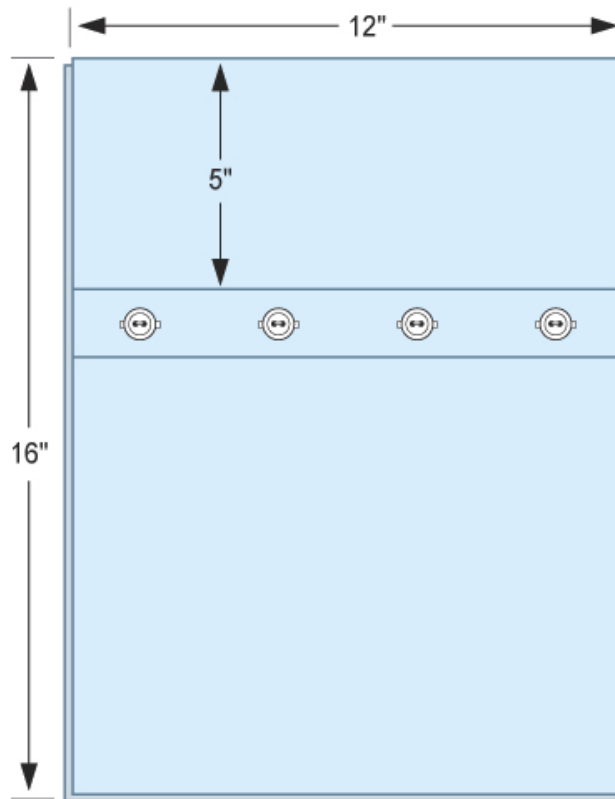
SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED:

Man-tailored shirt with button placket
2 yards of 3/4" cotton cording
Buttonhole foot
Water- or air-soluble marking pen

FABRIC CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

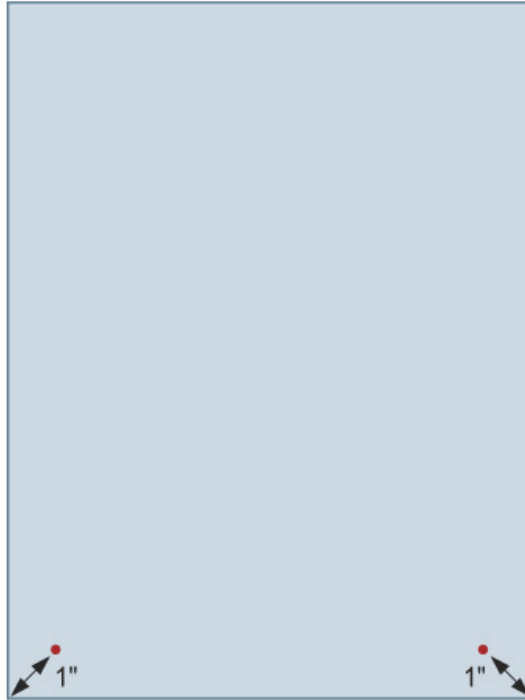
Lay your buttoned shirt on a flat surface with the button placket horizontal and the neck edge to the right.

Draw a rectangle 12" wide by 16" long (you may adjust measurements to make the backpack any size you wish). The top of the rectangle should be drawn 5" above the button placket. Cut the backpack out through both layers of the shirt. You now have a front and back piece for the backpack.

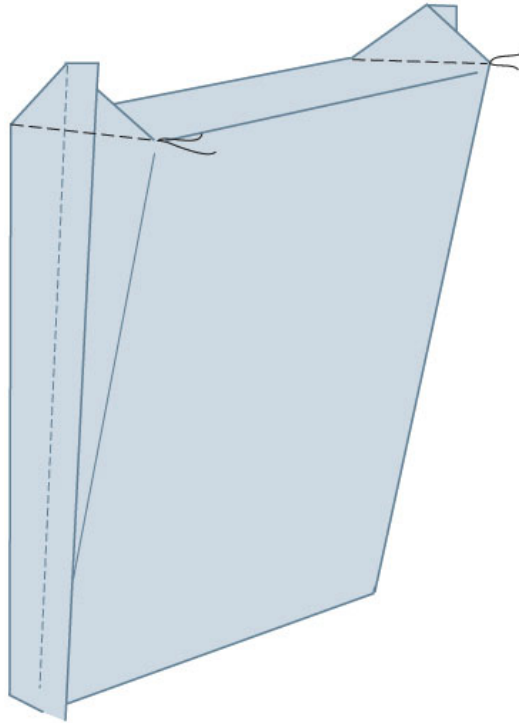


LET'S GET STARTED:

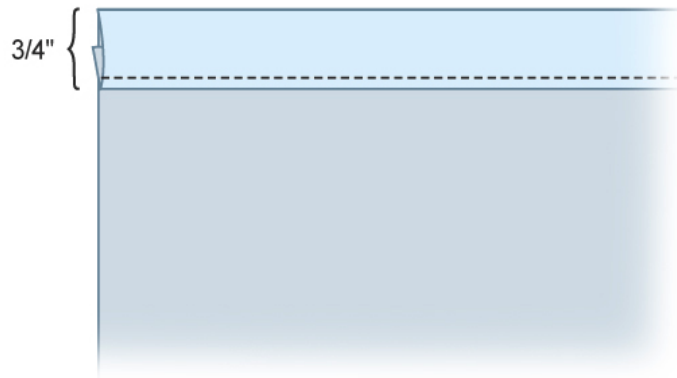
1. For the cord straps, mark for a buttonhole on the back piece of the backpack in the lower right and left corners diagonally 1" from each corner.



2. Attach the buttonhole foot and adjust your machine for a 1" buttonhole. Stitch a buttonhole at each marking.
3. Place the backpack front and back pieces, right sides together, and stitch along the side and bottom edges with a 1/2" seam allowance. Press the seams open.
4. Box the lower corners by opening the bottom seam flat and bringing the side seams to meet the bottom seam, forming a point. Stitch diagonally across the seams to box each corner.



5. Turn the backpack right side out and match the raw edges at the open end. Baste across the open edge to hold the layers together.
6. To make the casing for the strap, turn under and press a $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the top raw edge. Turn under again and press $\frac{3}{4}$ " along the same edge. Topstitch close to the inside folded edge.



7. Tie a knot in one end of the cotton cording and wrap tape around the opposite end. Attach a large safety pin or bodkin to the taped edge of the cord.

8. Insert the cording (from the inside out) through one of the buttonholes in the bottom corner, then thread the cording through the casing and finally through the remaining buttonhole in the other corner. Knot the end of the cord and trim.

