

## **Africa Book Bag**

Recommended fabrics: Sturdy cotton or cotton/poly prints through twill or denim weight fabric or home decor fabric. Light colored or pale fabrics are not ideal.

Cut 3 pieces of fabric: 3"x 36" (strap) Fabrics pieces can mix and match.

10"x 22" (body)

8"x 8" (flap)

### **Strap (3"x36")**

Fold both long edges in  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and press.

Fold long edges together and press. Strap width will now be 1".

Top stitch the length of the strap.

### **Flap (8"x 8")**

Fold all 4 edges under  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and press.

Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " around all edges.

### **Body (10"x 22")**

Fold fabric in half to 10"x 11", right sides together.

Stitch sides of bag with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Turn right side out.

Fold top edge of bag inside  $\frac{1}{2}$ " all around to create facing.

Stitch in place around the facing bottom edge.

### **Bag Construction**

Center one edge of flap along back edge of bag, right sides together.

Top stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " along the flap edge to secure flap to bag.

Fold end of bag strap under 1". Center this bag strap end over a side seam. Sew neatly and securely in place.

Be sure strap is untwisted before securing the other end on the other side seam.

Fold flap over to the front of the bag.

Optional-Add a loop/button closure to the front of the bag.