

OLPC Laptop Bag Prototype 2

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Here is another prototype for a bag and How To for children who receive a OLPC laptop.

Step 1



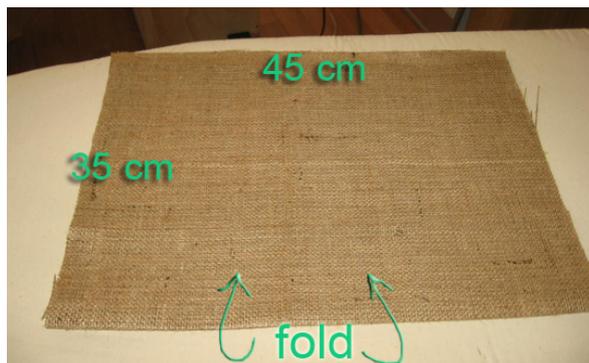
Here again is the wonderful laptop that can be purchased for \$100 and given to children all over the world. It has a battery that can last up to 2 days and has a special interface designed to help children learn about the community around them and participate in the growing global community.

Step 2



Cut a piece of burlap (fabric) that is 45 cm (17 2/3") wide by 70 cm (27.5") wide.

Step 3



Fold in half, so 45 cm wide ends lay on top of each other, with right sides facing.

Step 4



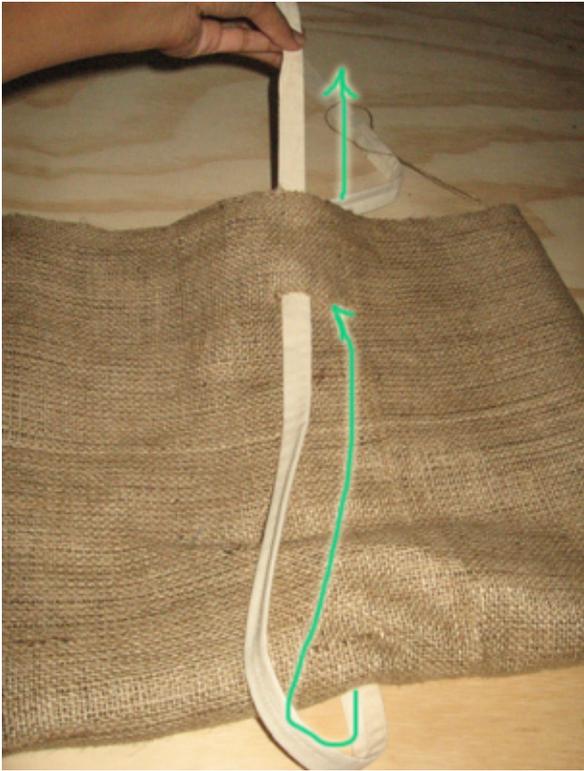
Sew along side seams. Since the children who will be making these bags will most likely not have access to sewing machines or surgeons, try sewing by hand with needle and thread. We still have to find out how likely it is that the children have access to these tools, but assuming they do, this project would be a great way to introduce them to sewing as well.

Step 5



Turn right side out. Fold in half again so side seams meet, and about 8 cm from the top opening on the fold, make a slit that is about 1 cm big on each side.

Step 6



I've made a 110 cm (43") long strap by folding muslin. We don't know yet what the straps can be made of, but this gives an idea. Begin by laying the strap flat and putting the bag on top of it with the bottom in the middle of the bag. Take the end of the strap without the bag on it and pull over the bag and into the bag through the hole made before. Then continue to pull the strap until it sticks out of the bag about 20 to 25 cm (7 to 9"). Do this on the other side as well.

Step 7



Tie the straps into a light knot in the inside of the bag. This will help keep the straps from sliding through the holes

Step 8



Tie the straps into a knot close to the ends. This, along with the previous knot, will create a loop for carrying. The bag is complete.

Step 9



This is our lovely model again, carrying the bag. This prototype seems better for a girl to carry, and therefore might not work for this project. Maybe together we can come up with a better variation. Also- feel free to try this bags in different sizes and fabrics to make a bag for yourself. These can easily be adapted into purses or bags for yourself.

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