



## MATERIALS

**Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread:** Black (0900) and matching color for canvas

½ yd (45.72cm) waxed canvas, 60" (152.40cm)

Chalkboard fabric, 5" x 7" (12.70cm x 17.78cm)

Two coordinating buttons, ¾" (1.91cm) and 1¼" (3.18cm)

6" (15.24cm) elastic cord (Note: Use ponytail elastic if you want a color.)

Scalloped or pinking shears

Press cloth

Non-stick presser foot (optional)

 SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

## Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Whether you're simply labeling your lunch to keep co-workers at bay, or writing a motivational note to your favorite student, this chalkboard accented waxed canvas lunch bag is the perfect venue. Sew waxed canvas with Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread.

### MEASUREMENTS

12" tall (30.48cm) (opened)  
x 4½" (11.43cm) deep x 7½"  
(19.05cm) wide

### CUTTING

#### From waxed canvas, cut:

(1) strip, 8" x 30" (20.32cm x 76.20cm), for bag body

(2) strips, 13" x 5" (33.02cm x 12.70cm), for sides

#### From chalkboard fabric, cut:

(1) oval using decorative scissors and the pattern provided

#### Ways with Waxed Canvas

- This fabric can be a bit pesky to sew with due to the wax coating. The wrinkles in it are permanent and part of the character.

- Pressing should be done only when necessary and with a press cloth above and below the area to be pressed, to protect both the iron and the ironing surface. A hair dryer can also be used to help smooth wrinkles.
- Pins, clips and tape can permanently mar the fabric surface, so use them only within the seam allowances.
- The machine's feed dogs can leave permanent marks on the fabric as well, so whenever possible, sew with the right side up for tasks like hemming.
- You may find it necessary to use a non-stick presser foot if even feeding is an issue for your machine. The fabric also tends to move as you're sewing it.
- Note that the wax can build up on the needle, the throatplate and on the machine's feeddogs, so frequently cleaning is necessary.



Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

### Assembling the Bag Front

1. Make a very small clip 13" (33.02cm) from the short end along both sides of the long waxed canvas strip edges.
2. Center the chalkboard oval across the bag width about 1 ½" (3.81cm) above the clips. Sew around the oval using black thread just inside the decorative edge. Bring the thread ends to the back to tie off.

### Assembling the Lunch Bag

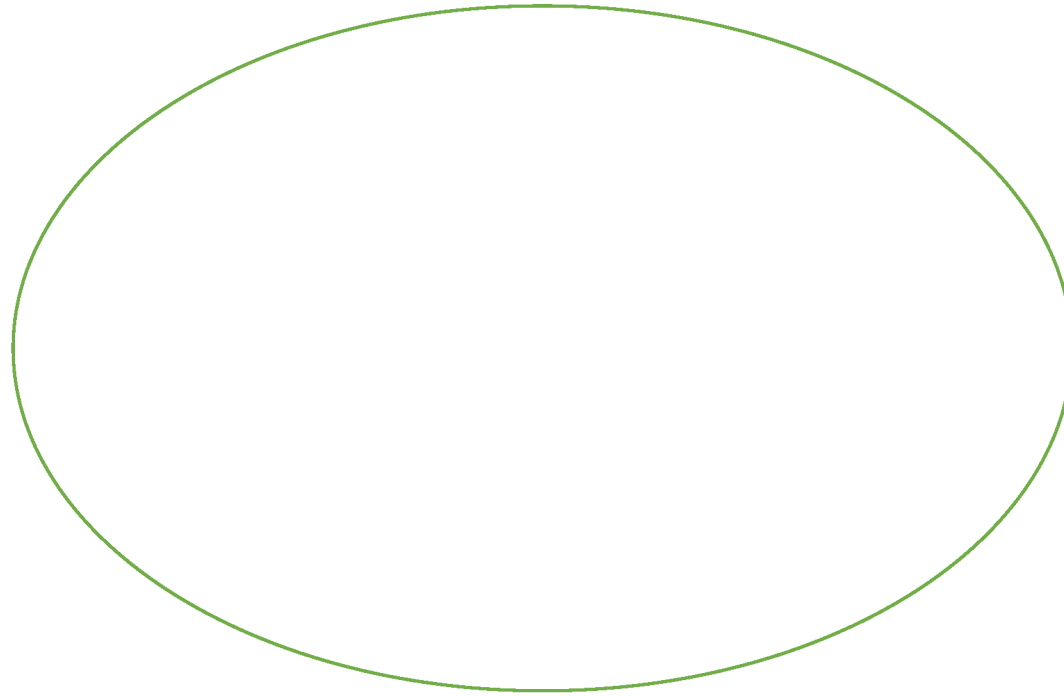
1. Thread the machine with matching thread. With right sides together and upper edges even, pin the bag body to the bag side, using the tiny clips in the long strip to ease the fabric around the corners. Sew the seam, pivoting at the corner. Do not worry if the fabric layers slip and there is extra length at the end.
2. Repeat step 1 for the other side of the back, aligning the upper edges with the first side placement.

3. If the upper edge came out uneven, trim off the excess length.
4. Turn the bag right side out and finger-press the seams to form a crease. Finger-press a crease along the bottom edges from corner to corner.
5. Finger-press a double ¼" (.64cm) hem at the bag upper edge. Stitch the hem in place from the right side.

### FINISHING

1. Fold the upper bag as desired and mark the button locations—one on the folded portion (small) and the other (large) on the bag back. Tie a knot in the elastic to make the appropriate size loop to span the buttons.
2. Hand-stitch the buttons in place, catching the elastic loop knot under the smaller button.
3. Before writing on the chalkboard fabric, it needs to be seasoned. Cover the entire surface with chalk, rub it in and then wipe it off—then it's ready for writing.





This square should  
measure 1" x 1"  
(2.54cm x 2.54cm)  
when printed.

Chalkboard shape for Lunchbag

**\*\*\* Measure templates before cutting to confirm printing at 100%\*\*\***