



Start the
new school year in

style!

KEEP SCROLLING FOR BACKPACKS,
BOWS AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL
IDEAS TO GET YOU
STARTED.



back to cool

{ CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY® }

LUNCH BAG: SIMPLICITY PATTERN #1385
BACKPACK: SIMPLICITY PATTERN #1388
PENCIL CASE: SIMPLICITY PATTERN #9949



BACKPACK: SIMPLICITY
 PATTERN #1388



Carry On, Kiddo!

Every little one knows it. A brand-new backpack, stocked with shiny pencils and empty notebooks, is the universal kid symbol for the first day of school. And you can be sure that all-important carryall will be extra-extra-special if you make it from scratch.



KNOT-TOP SNACK BAG: SIMPLICITY PATTERN #1385
BACKPACK: SIMPLICITY PATTERN #1388



Hair Play

Assembling her back-to-school wardrobe? Here's one way to stretch the budget: stock up on mix-and-match hair accessories. You can layer a small collection of headbands, clip-on bows, and barrettes in lots of different ways to match any outfit in her closet.

Visit our photo tutorial for step-by-step instructions.



Charmed Life

We added a puff of personality to a homemade book bag with a color-pop zipper charm. To make one for your star pupil, layer a happy mix of bows and embellishments on a ready-to-go wristlet strap. Backpack: Simplicity Pattern #1388.



Look Books

We know what you're thinking. Life's too short for plain spiral notebooks. And we agree! Here's an alternative: Decorate a composition book with patterned paper, designer tape (spine) and assorted papercrafting embellishments. The kids will definitely want to help.



Card Stock

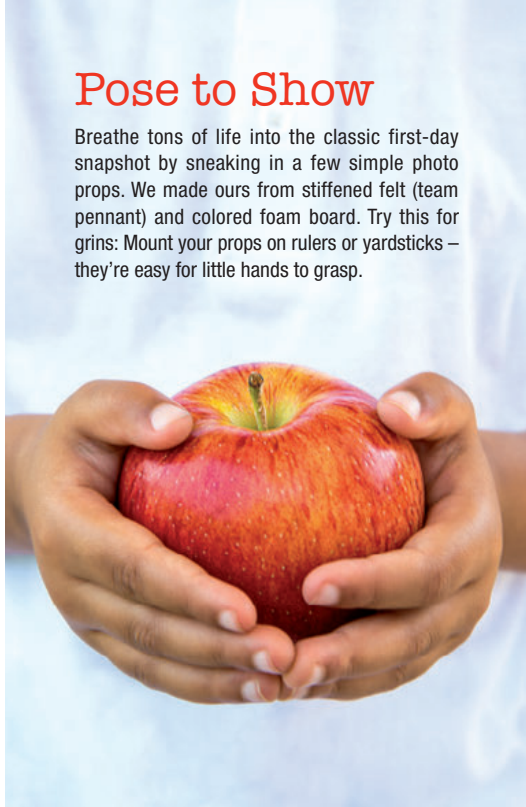
Want to keep the brain games going when class is over? Test your scholar's knowledge with a stack of colorful flashcards. We carry vibrant cards to cover everything from math to phonics to history and more.





Pose to Show

Breathe tons of life into the classic first-day snapshot by sneaking in a few simple photo props. We made ours from stiffened felt (team pennant) and colored foam board. Try this for grins: Mount your props on rulers or yardsticks – they're easy for little hands to grasp.





back-to-school CHECKLIST

- ☐ A great attitude
- ☐ Your best smile
- ☐ Good manners
- ☐ A kind heart
- ☐ Your best outfit
- ☐ Thinking cap
- ☐ A goodbye hug for Mom

ABC

Trims & Grins

Your favorite pupil has a mind of her own—and the fashion sense to go with it. But that's no reason to break the bank for boutique threads. Instead, upstyle off-the-shelf essentials at home. For example, we stitched ruffled trim to a pair of oh-so-basic leggings.





My Treat

If your kiddo's favorite class is snack time, you'll want to make sure he has some amazing food for thought. Our suggestion: Upgrade supermarket goodies.

We turned ice cream sandwiches into school buses—with dyed fondant and little chocolate cookies. And we made iced sugar cookies from store-bought dough. Fondant, icing, and cookie cutters sold near the baking and party supplies.

