# PIANO KEYS BACKPACK 17" x 14"

## Materials Needed

1/2 yard fabric for backpack (or two fat quarters)
1/2 yard for backpack lining (or two fat quarters)
1/8 yard drawstring sleeve and loops (or one fat quarter)
4 yards cotton twist rope (1/4" approx. diameter) or parachute cord
Scrap of paper backed fusible web, thread, masking tape, large safety pin
One Piano Keys single unit and Star from the Row by Row Junior™ pattern

## Cutting Instructions  All rotary cutting should be done by an adult.

**From front/back fabric:**

> Cut 1:  3" tall x 15" wide rectangle for the lower front
> Cut 1:  8-1/2" tall x 15" wide rectangle for upper front
> Cut 2:  6-1/2" tall x 2" wide rectangles for front sides
> Cut 1:  17" tall x 15" wide rectangle for back

**From lining fabric:**  Cut 2:  17" tall x 15" wide rectangles

**From drawstring sleeve and loop fabric:**

> Cut 2:  3" tall x 14" wide rectangles
> Cut 2:  3" x 3" squares

## Assembly Instructions

**>>>1.  Join** the 2" rectangles to the sides of the completed keys unit using quarter inch seams. Press to the keys. Ask your coach to trim a small bit from both sides of the unit so it will measure 15" wide as shown.
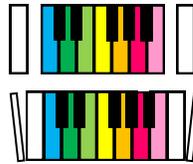
**>>>2.  Join** the upper front and the lower front rectangles to the Keys unit using quarter inch seam allowances. Press toward the upper and lower rectangles. Add a row of topstitching about 1/8" above and below the Piano Keys.
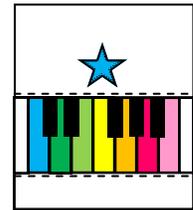
**>>>3.  Fuse** the star in place as shown on the upper front. Follow applique instructions on the Junior pattern.

**>>>4.  Make** the drawstring loops by folding the 3" squares in half wrong sides together and pressing the fold. Open up the fold and fold the side edges in to meet the center fold. Press. Refold on the center fold line. Topstitch along both folded edges.

**>>>5.  Fold** loop in half and finger press the fold. Place the folded loops on the backpack front with the folded edge inward and raw edges even with the edge of the pack front. Place the loop's lower edge about 1-3/4" up from the pack's bottom edge. Baste to hold in place.
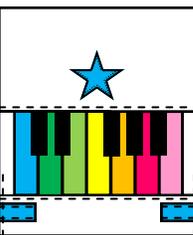
**>>>6.  Make** the drawstring sleeves by folding the short edges of the drawstring rectangles in 1/2" to the wrong side. Press. Fold in 1/2" again and press. Topstitch along the inner fold edge.

**>>>7.  Then** fold both sleeve rectangles in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, as shown. Press.
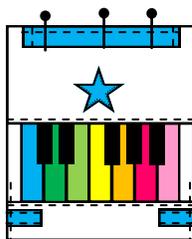
**>>>8.  Center** a sleeve along the top edge of the pack front and the back rectangle with the raw edges even. The fold points downward. Pin and baste sleeve to hold in place.
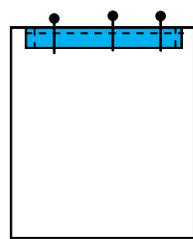
**>>>9.  Layer** a lining rectangle, right sides together, on top of the pack front with all raw edges even. Stitch across the top (sleeve) edge using a 1/2" seam. Repeat with a lining rectangle on the back rectangle and stitch across top edge.

**>>>10.  Open** up the rectangles as shown. Press the seam allowances in the direction of arrows.
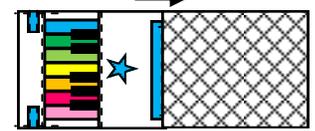
**>>>11.  Layer** rectangle units on top of each other with right sides together, lining to lining and front to front. Pin. Stitch, using a 1/2" seam, all the way around the outer edges as shown leaving a 4" opening on the lining edge.
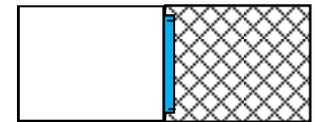
**>>>12.  Ask** your coach how to clip the corners. Then reach through the opening to turn the pack right side out. Work out the corners and seams so they are flat. Press. Topstitch the 4" open edges of the lining together to close it.
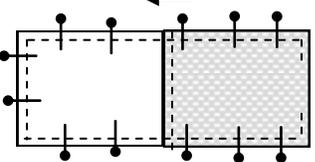
**>>>13.  Push** the lining back inside the pack front. Smooth out the pack and press it flat with the drawstring sleeve sticking out the top edge. Loops should extend from the sides. Press carefully around the pack's top edge. Topstitch around the top edge about 1/4" away from the top edge as shown.
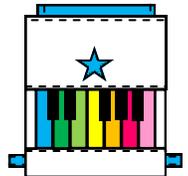
**>>>14.  Cut** the rope into two: 72" lengths. Wrap a bit of masking tape around one rope end to prevent fraying. Stick the large safety pin through the tape.

**>>>15.  Start** at one lower side loop. Guide the safety pin through the loop. Then up through the top sleeve. Keep going around through the next sleeve and back down to the same loop. But do not go through the loop again. Remove the pin and unwrap the masking tape. Grasp both rope ends (one through the loop and one not through the loop) and tie them in a knot. Trim rope ends evenly.

**>>>16.  Repeat** Step 15 with the other length of rope. Begin with the other side loop and guide the rope though the sleeves in the opposite direction. Try on the pack over your shoulders. Adjust to fit by tying the knots shorter or longer.

**>>>17.  Congratulations!** You have finished your Backpack!