

# Sew Back-to-School Gift Bags

Each set of new shoes and clothing gift cards My New Red Shoes provides is packaged in an **extra-special gift bag**, sewn by someone like you! These bags help kids who may be going through a difficult time feel the support of their community.

**Labels:** We will provide you with the “Made By” iron-on labels. Email [kim.marshall@mynewredshoes.org](mailto:kim.marshall@mynewredshoes.org) to let her know how many you’ll be needing.

**Fabric:** Please use 100% cotton or cotton-poly blends in any kid or teen-friendly print or solid color. Feel free to repurpose a retired tablecloth, bed sheet or other large piece of fabric that is stain and tear free and in gift-quality condition.

**Contact:** Kim Marshall at [kim.marshall@mynewredshoes.org](mailto:kim.marshall@mynewredshoes.org) for details.



## How to Sew the Bags

1. Cut a 44" x 17" piece of fabric for each gift bag.
2. Fold the fabric in half to make a 22" by 17" rectangle. If you are using a print the “right sides” should be together with the print facing inward.
3. Using a sewing machine, sew closed each side of the bag, leaving a 1/2-inch seam on each side. The top edge of the bag can be finished with pinking shears or sewn by machine.
4. Turn the bag inside out.
5. Set the iron to wool-cotton setting.
6. Place each “Made With Love” label glue side down, on the bottom, right corner of the gift bag. Iron the label firmly for 5 to 10 seconds. Do not use steam.
7. Sign the label with your name, using permanent marker. Fill out the Bag Completion Form below and send it to My New Red Shoes with your finished bags.



## Gift Bag Completion Form

Group or Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of gift bags: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate hours (total) sewing bags: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and your bags to:  
My New Red Shoes Portland—PO BOX 23937 Portland OR, 97281





# Sew Gift Bags for Children-in-Need



Hand made with love  
by  
Happy First Day of School!  
My NEW RED SHOES



My New Red Shoes is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2006 to help homeless and low-income children look and feel confident as they start the school year by providing them with new clothing and shoes and by rallying youth and adults around the effort through volunteer and educational opportunities for individuals, families, schools, corporations and community groups.

The new shoes that each child receives is packaged in a fabric gift bag, lovingly sewn by a volunteer. The gift bag includes a handwritten note from a volunteer wishing the recipient well. This personal touch helps the child feel that he/she has received a gift rather than a handout, which helps to preserve the dignity of families in crisis.

**For the upcoming 2016 back-to-school season, My New Red Shoes will serve 1,000 homeless & low-income children in the Greater Portland Area.**



Please use 100% cotton or cotton-poly blends in any kid or teen-friendly print or solid. 44" wide bolts are easiest to work with and one yard makes two gift bags.



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Questions ??

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