



## Project - Dec 18/ Jan 19

**Go date:** 01 December 2018

Starting 01 December 2018, through to January 31st 2019, Sewing for Charity Australia's main project will be sewing library bags and pencil cases for children experiencing difficulties with obtaining much needed school supplies. Additionally we will be collecting new and used stationery and school items to complement our handmade items.

### Who are we supporting this project?

The charity and community partners we are focusing on this project are:

#### Kids4Kids School Supply Drive

In January 2017, then 9 year Samuel Glancy raised 4000 School Supplies for local School Children in need. It helped many School Children in need who were without the basic tools for learning. It also highlighted that as a Community we can all help each other through giving and helping others.

Since this time, Kids4Kids School Supply Drive has collected and donated over 24,000 school supplies to children in desperate need in the Logan community.

*\*Boss Lady note I have met Sam and his lovely Mum Tanya as SFCA have a Kids4Kids donation box at the Lair. They are collecting for various schools in Logan, QLD. The schools have been disclosed to myself however will remain confidential at request of Kids4Kids School Supply Drive.*

## School of the Air (SOTA)

School of the Air is a term for schools catering for the primary and early secondary education of children in remote and outback Australia. Traditionally, classes were conducted by radio, however this practice is now being replaced by web based technology.

There are schools of the air and distance education centres operating in every state and territory except Tasmania and they service school age children who are geographically isolated, travelling, or unable to attend school for reasons such as poor health.

SFCA are currently liaising with SOTA to determine which communities need assistance and will update volunteers once we have more information.

### BOSS LADY NOTE:

If you know of a school in your area who needs assistance please let me know. We encourage local creating and are happy to support as many kids as possible through this project!

## What exactly are we creating?

Library Bags

Pencil Cases

Pencil Rolls

Children's underwear

## Details

Where a link to a tutorial or further information is provided, please read all linked information before proceeding - the table provides a summary only for those items.

Organisation	Item	Fabric	Size	Link to details / pattern / tutorial
All	Library Bag	Children's prints cotton and cotton blends  Anything bright and fun!	See pattern/ tutorial	<a href="#">Threading My Way - Library Bag Tutorial</a>  <a href="#">Pattern Orchard - Cadeau Bag</a>

		Think outside the square - plain fabrics with large patches of kids fabrics, or embroidered calico look great too!		PLEASE NOTE: Bags are to have short handles as per tutorials provided. You may use your own pattern if preferred as long as it is in the ballpark for size as per tutorials provided It is NOT mandatory to line or use interfacing - use your own judgment based on your fabric choice
All	Pencil Case	Children's prints cotton and cotton blends Anything bright and fun!	Various	<a href="#">Various pencil case links</a>
All	Pencil Roll	Children's prints cotton and cotton blends Anything bright and fun!		<a href="#">Sewing School Tutorial</a> File for embroidery machine can be found in Patterns and Files in Volunteer Forum  Please feel free to use your own pattern as long as it is functional! Note: Please consider using interfacing for durability or use thicker fabrics for outside layer (for example decorator fabric)

## How many?

As many as possible!

## How else can I help?

Unable to sew for this project but still want to contribute? Here are a few other ways you can help:

### A. Are you local to The Lair?

- We need many hands to sort and pack the made items throughout the project. Come to a regular Friday Community Collaboration Day, or, let us know when you're free to help.

### B. Do you have a good eye for a bargain (or, just enjoy shopping!)?

- We need packaging supplies - clear self sealing cello bags A4 and A5
- School Supplies!
  - Pens
  - Coloured pencils
  - Crayons (wind up please)
  - HB pencils
  - Exercise Books
  - Scrap Books
  - Erasers
  - Rulers
  - Pencil Sharpeners
  - Highlighters
  - Glue sticks
  - Printer paper
  - New Drink Bottles
  - New Lunchboxes
  - New Black school shoes
  - New White socks
  - New Underwear in sizes 4-6, 6-8, 10-12
  - Backpacks (Kmart have plain colours for \$4 which would be great to pack these items in)

## Important dates

Items need to be dropped off or posted to the lair no later than **31st January**. If your items are ready earlier, PLEASE send them in, many organisations are packing their kits through January to be ready for the start of the school year.

## Where do I send things?

Send any finished items or donated materials to "The Lair":

Cass Gell

38 Bladensburg Dr

Waterford QLD 4133

## FAQs

### II. What items do we need the most?

- A. All of them! Pick an item you're comfortable with and get started. All items donated will find a grateful home.

### III. Do I need to pre-wash my fabric?

- A. This project does not require the fabric to be prewashed. However, please use your own judgement and if you feel your fabric needs washing then please do.

### IV. I need fabric for this project. Can this be sent to me?

- A. Yes! We can send you fabric from donations at the lair. If possible, please consider covering postage. Contact Admin to arrange.

### V. Where do I send completed items?

- A. Completed items should be sent to The Lair, 38 Bladensburg Dr Waterford QLD 4133

### VI. What courier service should I use to send in items?

- A. Use whichever courier or postal service you would like. As a guide, our volunteers have found the below services to be of good value:
  - For a small number of items (up to 5kg) - Australia post satchel
  - For larger, heavier items (>5kg) - Sendle courier service

### VII. I made a mistake! Should I bother finishing / sending the item in?

- A. Yes! Many charity groups use bags of all sizes throughout the year. Even if the specific charities this month are unable to use it, be assured every bag can find a grateful home.

### VIII. I need some hands on guidance - can someone show me how to make one?

- A. Probably! Some options are below. Have a chat and we may be able to find another sewing volunteer locally you can collaborate with outside of the regular community groups!
- Local sewing group - groups meet regularly in Waterford (Brisbane South), Lowood (Brisbane West), Toowoomba, Mackay, Ipswich, Adelaide North and South, Newcastle and North Brisbane.

### Still have questions?

Talk to us! We'd love to say hi :)

- Email: [volunteer@sewingforcharity.com](mailto:volunteer@sewingforcharity.com)
- Post on our Facebook page or send a private message (PM). Search "Sewing for Charity Australia Volunteers"
- If you're already in the Facebook group, PM or tag one of our friendly Admins (Select "Members>Admin" for a list)
- Call Cass on 0498 213 410