

Another important feature of this [small black backpack](#) is the thin canvas straps. These straps are designed to protect the backs of schoolchildren but can get a little uncomfortable after a few minutes of use. However, you can upgrade to a bag with padding for \$20 or so. Padding can also be added to the Kanken if you wish.

The Kanken [square backpack](#) has a zipper that runs from the top to the bottom, making it easy to access the main compartment. Most everyday backpacks have a closure that only goes halfway through the bag, so the Kanken's zipper goes all the way through. As a result, this backpack is easy to use.

The United By Blue brand is another option to look at if you want a backpack with the same eco-friendly values as the Fjallraven. This brand is committed to ethical manufacturing practices and sustainable materials. It holds its suppliers to high standards and worker rights. For every product sold, the company also pledges to remove one pound of trash from the environment.