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Go Back to School with Patriotic Pride

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PENCILS, PAPER, glue and crayons top almost every back-to-school shopping list. Guess what? Many of these essentials are still made in the U.S.A. Keep an eye out for these quintessential school supplies that happen to be homegrown.

Green Guru Spinner backpack

Recycled fabrics made from post-consumer water bottles and upcycled bicycle inner tubes fend off the elements. Crafted in Boulder, Colo., this durable pack's integrated

laptop pocket safeguards pricey devices, compression straps cut stress from a heavy load, and side elastic pockets protect gear at home or in the hustle-bustle of school hallways.

Nalgene wide mouth 32-ounce water bottle

The durable wide-mouth bottle that put Nalgene on the map remains the company's best seller. Made in Rochester, N.Y., the leak-proof bottles slip easily into side pockets of most backpacks. Kids will love the bright colors and moms will love the odor- and stain-resistant, BPA-free, dishwasher-safe plastic.



Elmer's school glue

Countless school projects are held together with glue. And the sticky stuff most students choose is the familiar

white bottle with an orange cap. Made in Columbus, Ohio, since it was introduced in 1967, Elmer's washable, non-toxic classroom staple is the No.1-selling glue in the country.

Post-It notes

Remembering to get a parent's signature on homework will not be a problem for kids who scribble a reminder on colorful, shaped sticky notes. An icon of the 1980s, the original canary yellow note,



From backpacks to binders, check out nine American-made basics

which is made in Cynthiana, Ky., has evolved into a line of more than 4,000 Post-It products.



Wilson Jones 3-ring binders

Before the Trapper Keeper revolutionized student organization in the 1980s, the ubiquitous book-style three-ring binder collected and protected papers with sturdy cloth or plastic covers. Wilson Jones, the self-proclaimed inventor of the three-ring binder, still manufactures PVC-free, Polypro binders in Booneville, Miss., Ogdensburg, N.Y. and Ontario, Calif.

Mr. Sketch scented markers

Blueberry, cherry, mint and mango—probably not the aromas you'd expect when kids uncap a new set of markers, but much more



pleasant than the chemical-type smells of traditional markers. With a smooth-flowing bevel tip and long-lasting color and fragrance, this 1960s icon is ready to inspire a new generation of budding artists.

Norcom graph paper and loose-leaf filler paper

Many paper-based school and office supplies remain predominantly made in the U.S.A. Look for the American flag on Norcom index cards, graph paper, loose-leaf sheets and more. One of the nation's largest paper manufacturers, Norcom produces most of its products in Griffin, Ga.

Crayola crayons

With more than 400 current colors, Crayola offers a selection that would rival Picasso's palette. From the classic eight-crayon box to

the massive 120-count collection, every regular-size crayon—up to 13.5 million per day—rolls off the assembly line in Easton, Penn., home of Crayola since 1904.



Write Dudes USA Gold No. 2 pencils

From kindergarten to college, standardized test-takers use classic No. 2 pencils. And while many companies are beginning to offshore pencil production, Moon Products, one of the nation's oldest and largest pencil makers, continues to produce the popular pencil with American cedar and graphite in Lewisburg, Tenn.

