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The Schur functions, s_μ , form a basis for the ring of symmetric functions. Macdonald polynomials are symmetric functions $P_\mu(x; q, t)$ in variables $x = x_1, x_2, \dots$, with coefficients which are rational functions of two parameters q and t . The Schur functions are obtained from Macdonald polynomials by setting $q = t = 0$. Recently Haglund, Haiman, and Loehr derived a combinatorial formula for nonsymmetric Macdonald polynomials, which gives a new decomposition of the Macdonald polynomial into nonsymmetric components and provides a combinatorial description of the nonsymmetric Schur functions, NS_λ . Letting $q = t = 0$ in this identity implies $s_\mu(x) = \sum_\lambda NS_\lambda(x)$, where the sum is over all rearrangements λ of the partition μ . We exhibit a weight-preserving bijection between semi-standard Young tableaux and semi-standard skyline fillings to give a combinatorial proof of the formula. The bijection involves an analogue of the Robinson-Schensted-Knuth Algorithm. We also provide a non-recursive combinatorial interpretation of the standard bases of Lascoux and Schützenberger. (Received September 27, 2005)