



Small Backpack Pattern & Instruction

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Materials

½ Yard of Outside Top Fabric
¼ Yard Outside Bottom Fabric
½ Yard Inside Fabric
28" of desired trim
1 ½ yard Heavy Fusible Interfacing
Small metal Clip & D-Ring or 12 Grommets
Magnetic Snap and Adjustable Strap Slides

Cutting: There are many pieces for this backpack so go over this list carefully before cutting. Below is a visual list of parts.



1. **Outside Top** – Cut 2, 13.5" Wide by 8.5" Tall
2. **Outside Bottom** – Cut 2, 13.5" Wide by 5.5" Tall Cut Notches in lower corners, you will remove a 2"x2" square.
3. **Inside Fabric** – Cut 2, 13.5" Wide by 14" Tall
 - a. **TIP:** As you cut your inside fabrics, cut your interfacing as well, you'll cut 4 pieces the exact same size as your inside fabric
4. **Inside Pocket** – Cut 1 piece from the inside fabric or left over outside fabrics, 13.5" Wide by 8.5" Tall
5. **Flap** – Cut 2, 7" Tall x 5" Wide, Cut 2 interfacing pieces same size.
6. **Straps** – Cut 2, 4" Wide x 36" – 42" Long, Cut 2 interfacing same length, 2" Wide. Cut 1, 4" Wide x 9" Long – Cut 1 interfacing same length, 2" Wide
7. **Back Patch** – Cut 1, 6" Wide x 4" Tall, Cut 1 interfacing 5" wide x 3" Tall
8. Adjustable Strap Slides, 2: 1" Rectangle Rings & 1" Slide
9. Small Clip and D-Ring (or Grommets)
10. Magnetic Snap (or Velcro), keep some scraps handy. ;)

Let's Get STARTED! Please make sure your interfacing is precut as described above.

Let's Iron your pieces.



1. Iron fusible interfacing to the back of all the *outside* and *inside* bag pieces. Iron the outside pieces as if they were one unit, together on the fusible interfacing.

2. Iron straps flat right side down. Lay 2" wide interfacing down the center of the strap and fuse the two together. Then, fold the edges free of interfacing inward using the stiff interfacing as a guide for the fold. Next you will fold the

edges again, carefully lining up the folded edges. The diagram below shows how. Do this with both the long straps and short strap.



3. Iron interfacing to the back of the flaps and to the back of the patch as shown below. Center the patch interfacing on the back of the patch and iron down, fold edges in neatly and press.

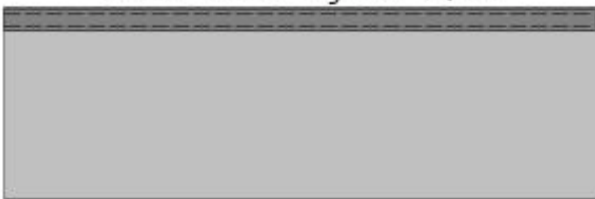
4. Iron inside slip pocket if one is desired. Fold the top, long edge down ½" and press, fold it down again ½" and press. Turnover and fold bottom edge up ¼" press and again ¼" press.

5. Using scrap fabric cut a 4" x4" piece. Fold edges to middle, press and fold in half and press. This will be used later to secure the 1" rectangle rings to the bottom of the bag.

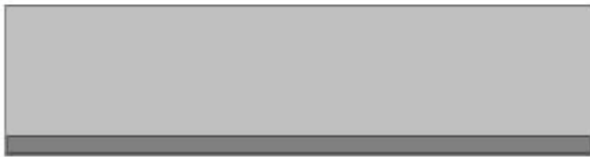
Let's Begin Sewing:

Prep your pieces: Find your 2 long straps, 1 short strap, your flap pieces, the 4x4" square that you have ironed into a 4" strap and your pocket. Below is a diagram of how to sew the pocket. Sew the straps as shown below.

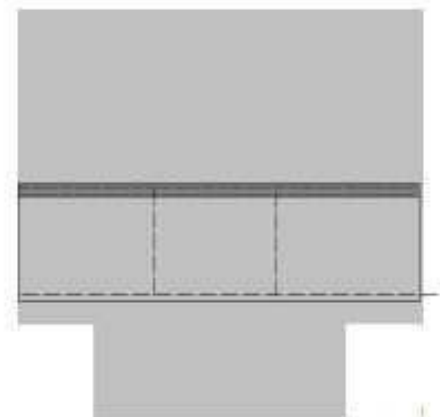
Ironing & Sewing Pockets
Fold top of pocket down 1/2",
then fold again 1/2"



You will fold the bottom of the pocket up 1/4" twice.
Top stitch top of pocket
as shown above.



Attaching Pocket



Position pocket as shown and pin. Sew close to edge of pocket bottom. Sew from top to bottom of pockets at your desired widths as shown.

6. Sew the pocket as shown above. Be sure to lock the beginning and ending stitches when creating the middle stitches. You can vary the width of the pockets as you wish.



7. Next, apply your snap to one side of your flap. It should be placed near the bottom about 1" up of the underside piece. Sew with right sides together down, across the bottom and back up. Clip corners, turn out and press.

8. The next step is to apply your trim. You can apply it directly over the fabric where the bottom and top meet. If you wish you can zigzag stitch the top and bottom together. Here I'm applying ribbon to cover the seam. If you do not want trim or want trim that must be sewn into a seam. Fold the pieces together at the open seam (insert trim if desired and sew down with a ¼" seam allowance.



9. For the next step you will need to assemble your strap so that it is adjustable. Most adjustable hardware comes with directions. But just in case yours does not. You will run one end of your strap about 2" through the adjustable slide and back around the center bar. Fold your strap in slightly and stitch down secure and tight. On the opposite end of your strap, tread on your rectangle ring. Then run that same end in and back out your slide. This will create a loop. Take your small 4" strap, cut it in half, insert the halved piece into the rectangle ring and fold in half and sew the rough ends together.



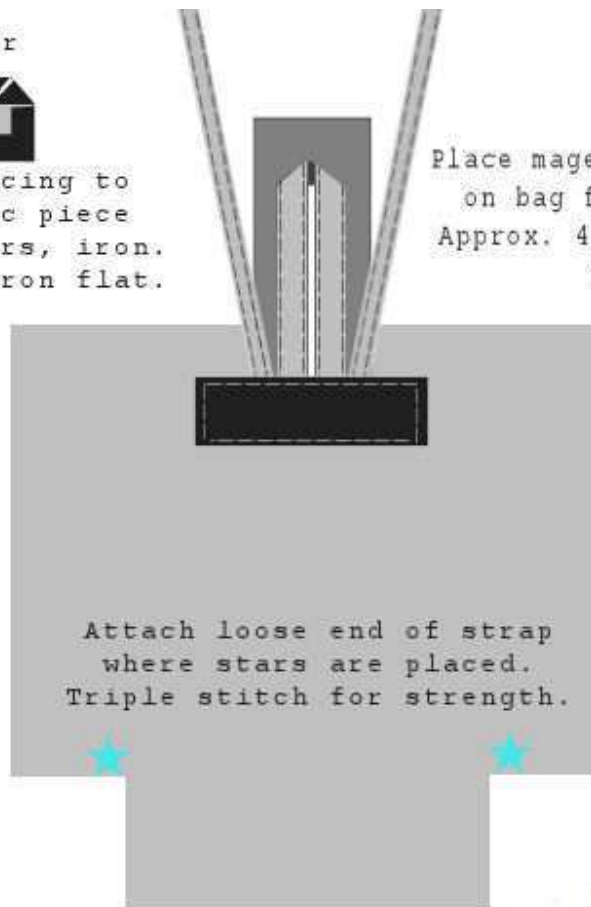
10. Above left is how your strap should look when assembled. Now for step eight you will lay the open end of your flap, snap side down about 3 - 4 inches centered with the top of one of your outside bag pieces as shown, pin down. Next, take your short strap and center it on top of the flap in the middle, as shown. Following that, you will pin your straps down. Lay them face down with the top edge lined up with the short strap and flap edge. Place the top of each strap on each side as shown above. Sew all pieces down as one unit. On the next page is a diagram that may help.

make the cover



apply interfacing to back of fabric piece fold in corners, iron. Then edges, iron flat.

Place magnetic side of snap on bag front, center. Approx. 4" below top of bag raw edge.



Attach loose end of strap where stars are placed. Triple stitch for strength.

Outside Backpack

Place raw edge of flap 3" down the top edge of bag, with snap down. Attach. Place handle strap and adjustable straps on top of flap and attach. Place rectangle cover over all 2.5" down from top edge and topstitch around close to edge.

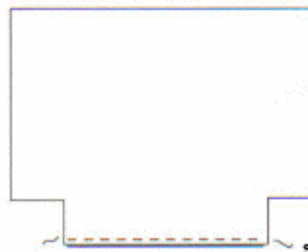
9. Place the "patch" over the area that you have just sewn down. The patch is to cover all the stitching and rough edges of the straps and flap. The top of the flap should sit just over the stitches that have sewn down the flap and straps. Reference the above pictures. Sew down the loose end of the opposite end strap to the corner at the notch in the bottom of the bag where the stars are located in the diagram above.

10. Basic bag making skills are needed at this point. Place the front and back of the outside of your bag right sides together. Sew the bottom edges together and use a 3/8" seam. Press out. Sew the side edges together, lining up and pinning so that the trim is lined up neatly. Once you have sewn all sides for the outside back, repeat the same steps for the inside bag. Diagram on page 6 with 1/2" seam, I like 3/8".



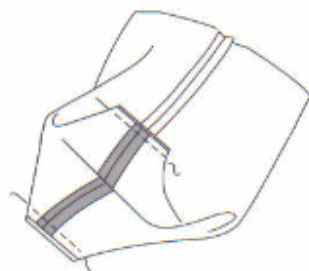
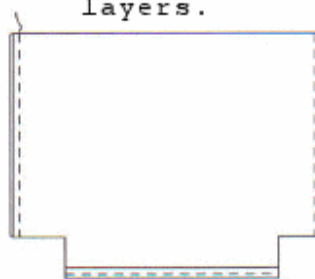
11. Sew the corners as shown, again, basic bag making procedures.

Make Outer Bag



With RST (right sides together) and using 1/2" seam, stitch outer bag pieces together along bottom edges. Press seam open. You may topstitch on each side of seam through all layers.

With RST and using 1/2" seam, stitch outer bag pieces together along side seams. Press seams open.



With RST, match and pin the side seam with the bottom seam. Stitch 1/2" from raw edges. This will square off the bottom of the bag!

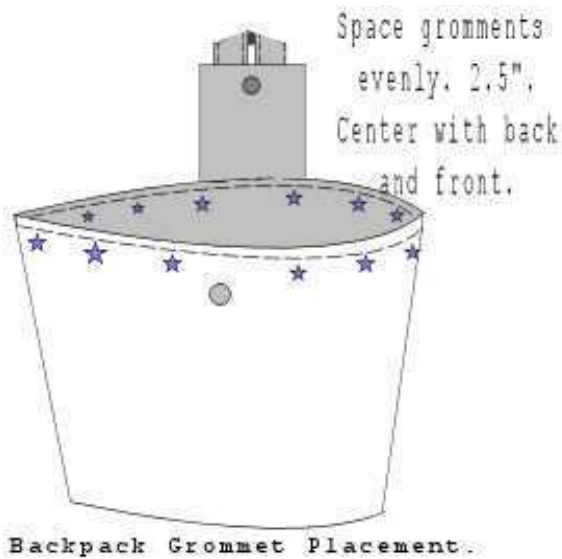
12. Iron edges of the outside bag down approximately 1" all the way around. Apply the other half of your snap to the outside bag, on the front about 2 – 3" down from the folded edge. A good way to mark where to place the snap is to simply fold over your flap and see where the snap should lay on the front of the bag.



13. Stuff the inside bag, down inside of the outside bag and fold the edges in, lining them up with the top edge neatly and pin them together as shown. Using a scrap piece of ribbon, attach the D-Ring to one edge of the bag at the top right hand seam and do the same with the clip on the opposite side. Insert the ribbon down between the two bags so that it is sandwiched between the layers. Sew along the edge of the bags all the way around the top.



14. Once you have sewn your bag around the top, remove all the pins and attach your clip to your D-Ring. Also, you can use any size clip and D-Ring that you like. I've also made little straps with Velcro or Ripper snaps. If you want to use grommets and run a ribbon or cord through, below is a diagram for grommet placement. Follow the instructions that come with your grommets.



Measure and mark with pin placement when doing grommets until you get the space and grommet count you desire before punching holes through your fabric. This is a bad time to make a mistake. ☺

I hope that with the diagrams I have made and the pictures that you are successful and have enjoyed making this bag. I love making this size bag for gifts for children. They also make a great "handbag".

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