

Making Backpack:

Pattern: You will need to purchase the pattern: Making Backpack by *Noodlehead*

- You can use this pattern to either make the regular backpack or the mini size backpack

Fabric and Interfacing as per recommended in the pattern:

- Exterior fabric per the pattern requirements
 - For this bag I often use a cotton-linen canvas because I like the weight and softness it gives the bag, but there are many fabric options to choose from that will work well.
- Lining Fabric per the pattern requirements
- Coordinating Polyester Thread
 - There is topstitching on the webbing as well as the exterior and interior of the bag. You may want more than one color of coordinating thread for this project.
- Foam Stabilizer such as Annie's Soft and Stable
 - Only needed if making the Regular size version of the bag
- Fusible Woven Interfacing (Pellon SF101)
- Straight grain double fold binding
 - You can buy it premade or make your own with extra fabric.

Hardware as per recommended in the pattern:

- Zippers per recommended in the pattern.
 - I like to use a Nylon Zipper By the Yard to create your own length of zipper tape (which I can show you in class how to do). I recommend Sallie Tomato Brand #5 size.
 - If you are making the alternate pocket on the front of the bag, please refer to page 14 (Bonus Alternate Front Pocket Instructions) of the pattern for the proper zipper length you will need to purchase for that pocket.
- Cotton Webbing per recommended in the pattern
 - You will need two different sizes of webbing for this bag. 1 inch and 1.5 inch. I often find some fantastic colors of cotton/polyester webbing from the Etsy Shop: PennySupplies
- (2) 1 ½ inch slider buckles
- (2) 1 ½ inch rectangle rings

Tools and Notions:

- Cutting Mat (I like to use 18x24)
- Rotary cutter
- Long Ruler (I like to use 6 x 24)
- Small square ruler (I like to use 4.5" square)
- Pins
- Safety pins for basting or Basting Spray (whichever is your preferred method)
- Clips
- Seam Ripper
- Fabric scissors
- A small pair of sharp scissors with a point
- Fabric glue stick
- Stiletto Tool

- Tailors Chalk (if using dark fabrics)
- Disappearing ink pen for marking on fabric
- Dritz Fray Check
- Washaway Wonder Tape
- ½" bias tape maker can be helpful if making your own binding, but not required

Sewing Machine:

- Sewing machine in good working order
- Regular sewing foot attachment for the sewing machine
- Zipper foot attachment for the sewing machine
- Walking foot for the sewing machine is very helpful for quilting the fabrics to the batting
- Size 90/14 sewing machine needle

Before Class:

The easiest thing to do before buying any materials for this pattern is to look at all 4 versions of the backpack and decide which one you want to make. They all have slightly different supply needs. Both the cutting page and the supply page are helpful in determining exactly which hardware, fabric and interfacing quantities you will need.

In order to ensure that we have enough time to get through all of the important techniques in this pattern, please have your fabric and interfacing cut. Please have your interfacing adhered to the fabric as well. If you are unsure how to do that, I am happy to help you in class.

Need some inspiration? You can look on Instagram using #makingbackpack for some inspiration. I have also made several versions of this bag so feel free to browse my Instagram or Facebook page for ideas: @glueandstitch .

Any questions regarding design, hardware, how much fabric to purchase or how to cut the fabric you can email me at glueandstitch@gmail.com