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The Backpack by Tiffany Jenkins

Hi! I'm Tiffany from Tiny Seamstress Designs { <http://tinyseamstress.blogspot.com> }! I'm so excited to be sharing my ideas here with you on the Moda Bake Shop. This is a great backpack for all of your grade school children and can be altered to fit younger children as well.

Ingredients:

I used the Lily and Will collection by Bunny Hill Designs to make this backpack, they have color ways for boys and girls...so fun!

- 1 1/2 yard fabric for body
- 1 1/2 yard fabric for lining
- 2 fat quarters for ties (they do not have to be the same print)
- fusible fleece

Garnishes (optional):

- 2 Magnetic snaps

Instructions:

Using *body* (outside) fabric cut:

- (2) 17" by 15" pieces (front and back)
- (2) 17" by 6" pieces (sides)
- (1) 15" by 6" piece (base)

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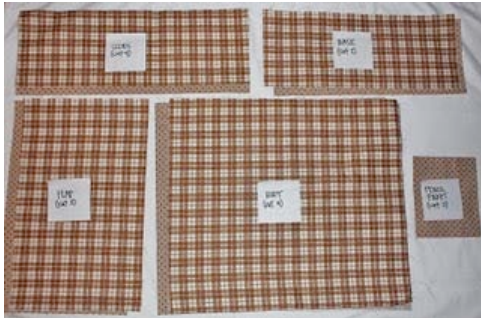
- (1) 15" by 9" piece (flap)
- (2) 3 1/2" by 26" pieces (straps)
- Apply fusible fleece to the wrong sides of each body piece.

Using *lining* (inside) fabric cut:

- (2) 17" by 15" pieces (front and back)
- (2) 17" by 6" pieces (sides)
- (1) 15" by 6" piece (base)
- (1) 15" by 9" piece (flap)
- (2) 26" by 3 1/2" pieces (straps)
- (1) 9" by 3" piece (handle)
- (2) 6" by 5" pieces (pencil pocket)
- (2) 15" by 10" pieces (pocket)
- Apply fusible fleece to wrong side of one pocket piece.

Using 2 Fat Quarters cut:

- (4) 22" by 3" strips
- (4) 19" by 3" strips



Your cut pieces will look like this:



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1. Pencil Pocket: Sew both pieces right sides together, leaving 2" opening to turn. Turn right sides out, press, and top stitch across top of pocket.

2. Pocket: With both pieces right sides together, sew across top. Turn right sides out, press, and top stitch top of pocket. See picture.



3. Measure 5 1/2" from top center of *back lining piece* and sew pencil pocket in place across bottom and down both sides. Sew pencil slots 3/4" apart as shown. Line larger pocket up with base of *back lining piece* and pin in place. Measure 5" from each side and stitch from top to bottom, forming 3 pockets as shown.

4. Place one *body strap piece* and one *lining strap piece* right sides together, sew down both long edges, leaving ends open. Turn right sides out, press and top stitch down both long edges. Repeat with other strap pieces.

5. Fold *small handle piece* in half and press. Unfold and lay right side down. Fold left side to center and press. Fold right side to center and press. Bring both folds together and sew down edges.



6. Measure 3" from the right top edge of *back body piece* and sew top of strap in place. Measure 3" from the left top edge of *back body piece* and sew top of other strap in place. Repeat with each strap on the bottom of body piece. Sew handle ends to top edge of bag as shown.



7. Next you're going to make four ties from the fat quarter pieces. Pin two tie pieces of *the same length* right sides together and stitch around three edges leaving one end open. Turn right sides out, press and top stitch. Repeat with the rest of strap pieces until you have four ties as shown.



8. On the base of *front body piece* measure from one side over 3" and sew *short* tie piece in place. Repeat on opposite side with other *short* tie piece as shown.



9. On top of *body flap piece*, measure from one side over 3" and pin *long* tie in place from top to bottom. Top stitch tie all the way down on each side, stopping 1" from *bottom* of flap. Repeat with other *long* tie as shown.

10. Place *body flap* and *lining flap* right sides together and pin, making sure your ties are tucked in. Stitch down both sides and across the bottom, leaving top open. Turn right sides out, press, and top stitch edges and across the top of ties.



11. Center flap on the top of *back body piece* as shown below and stitch together across raw edges as shown.



12. *This part is optional.* Find top center of each *body side piece* and measure each way 1 1/2" and apply magnetic snap as shown below. This will allow the backpack to be a little more secure and shrink down a little.

13. With right sides together line *body base piece* up with *base of front body* and sew across edge. Line *back body* up with opposite side of *body base piece* and sew across edge.



14. With right sides together sew long edge of *side body piece* to side of *front body piece*. Sew opposite long edge of *side body piece* to the side of *back body piece*. Sew end of base to end of side piece. Repeat on the opposite side of the bag. See picture.

15. Repeat steps 13 and 14 with lining pieces, leaving a 4" opening in the base to turn later.



16. Place body inside of lining with right sides together and pin around top as shown.

17. Stitch around top edge. Turn bag right sides out through 4" opening, press and top stitch around top edge. Top stitch or hand stitch 4" opening closed.

Your backpack is complete and ready for school! :)

Yield:



When finished, your backpack will measure about 16" tall by 14" wide by 5" deep.

This bag is designed for a child approximately 4'8" and taller. If your child is smaller than this you can cut all of your body and side pieces to measure 15" tall for a better fit. Adjust straps as needed.

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