

SewBatik Backpack & Mini-Purse Pattern

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This is an easy and fun backpack pattern which uses a number of techniques: quilting, bag construction and lining, straps, elastic closing and a magnetic snap – how cool is that?! It also includes a pattern for a mini-purse; however we'll be making the backpack in class.

Supplies:

FABRIC	(2) ½ yds of coordinating fabrics if you want to use a different fabric for lining than for the outside of the bag <u>OR</u> (2) ½ yds of same fabric
MUSLIN*	18" x 45" *This can be any leftover scrap fabric – you don't need to purchase muslin since this fabric <i>will not</i> be visible.
BATTING	One piece – 18" x 45" (NOTE: you may want to find a classmate to split a crib size batting - they typically measure 45" x 60", but double check)
COTTON WEBBING	(2) yds of 1" wide cotton webbing

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ELASTIC	15" of ¼" width
BASTING SPRAY	<i>505 Spray and Fix</i> works very well with minimal smell. Also Sulky KK 2000 Temporary spray adhesive
CLOSURE	The pattern calls for a 1½" square of velcro; however I prefer the function and professional look of the magnetic purse snaps (available @ JoAnn's)
THREAD	Coordinating thread for piecing and topstitching

Other supplies:

If you have a tool used for turning fabric tubes, and for pulling elastic through casing
Sewing machine in good working order, and knowledge of how to use it.

Rotary cutter & mat

Rotary cutting rulers - 6x24

Matching thread, wound bobbins

General sewing supplies: straight pins, thread snippers

OPTIONAL PRE-CLASS PREPARATION

This pattern uses quilted fabric for the outside of the bag. The size of the fabric which needs to be quilted is quilted manageable, so this is an excellent opportunity to try some free motion quilting! If you are comfortable, or perhaps the machine you take to the retreat is not the same as the machine you use to do quilting, you can prepare this ahead of time, Layer ½ yd of the outside bag fabric (i.e. not lining) with batting and muslin (or scrap fabric) using light spray basting and quilt as desired.

NOTE: If you want your straps to match the outside of the bag - before quilting - first cut a 5" x WOF strip from the fabric to be quilted.

If you don't have time, or aren't comfortable doing quilting ahead of time, we will be spending time on Saturday night going through the steps involved in this process.

****SewBatik Backpack & Mini-Purse Pattern - \$10 and includes two SewBatik Fat Quarters**
You will not be using these fat quarters for your backpack. When I ordered the pattern I found out that it would cost only \$1 more to get TWO FAT QUARTERS with the pattern. I couldn't pass up such a deal!! When you pay for the pattern I will mail the pattern to you but I will not be mailing the fat quarters because of mailing expense. You will get them at the retreat. Once you make the backpack in class you will want to make the purse too. The purse takes TWO FAT QUARTERS!! Trust ME...you will love SewBatiks Batiks. Jeanette