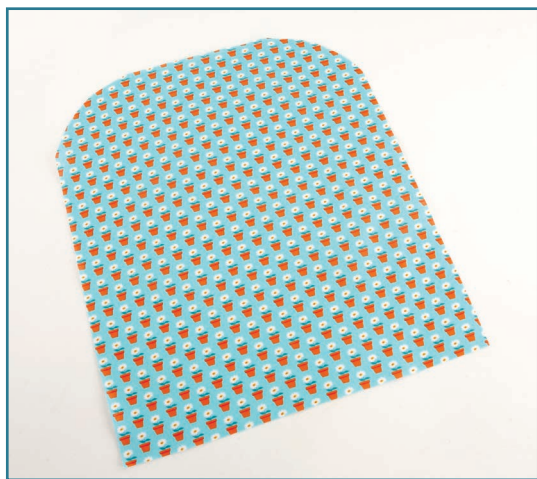


CRAFTY KIDS' BACKPACK

This backpack is the perfect back-to-school bag, with a zipped inside pocket and storage for pens behind the flap on the front. I like to use a continuous zip that I can cut to size: guidance for attaching a slider is given on page 20. With this method of zipping, you could attach two sliders so that the zip closes in the centre.



1 Take the two outer bag and two bag lining pieces of fabric. Using the plate as a template, mark then cut the top two corners into curves. Iron fusible fleece to the wrong sides of the outer bag pieces.

Finished size

12 x 14 x 4½in (30.5 x 35.5 x 11.5cm)

What you need

- Two 12 x 14in (30.5 x 35.5cm) pieces of fabric 1, for the outer bag
- Two 12 x 14in (30.5 x 35.5cm) pieces of fabric 2, for the bag lining
- Two 12 x 14in (30.5 x 35.5cm) pieces of fusible fleece, for the outer bag
- Two 9in (23cm) squares of fabric 2, for the inside pocket
- 7in (17.75cm) zip, for the inside pocket
- Four 29 x 2½in (73.75 x 6.5cm) pieces of fabric 1, for the zipped panel
- Two 29 x 2½in (73.75 x 6.5cm) pieces of fusible fleece, for the zipped panel
- 30in (76.25cm) zip, for the zipped panel
- Four 5 x 4½in (13 x 11.5cm) pieces of fabric 1, for the zipped panel ends
- Two 5 x 4½in (13 x 11.5cm) pieces of fusible fleece, for the zipped panel ends
- 10 x 18in (25.5 x 45.75cm) of fabric 3, for the outer zipped pocket
- Two 1½ x 18in (4 x 45.75cm) pieces of fabric 3, for the outer zipped pocket
- 10 x 9in (25.5 x 23cm) of fusible fleece, for the outer zipped pocket
- Two 1½ x 9in (4 x 23cm) pieces of fusible fleece, for the outer zipped pocket,
- Two 10in (25.5cm) zips, for the outer zipped pocket
- Two 10 x 4½in (25.5 x 11.5cm) pieces of fabric 2, for the flap
- 10 x 4½in (25.5 x 11.5cm) of fusible fleece, for the flap
- Large snap fastener
- 12 x 5in (30.5 x 13cm) of fabric 1, for the outer base
- 12 x 5in (30.5 x 13cm) of fabric 2, for the base lining
- 12 x 5in (30.5 x 13cm) of fusible fleece, for the base
- 11 x 4in (28 x 10cm) mesh bag base
- 190in (483cm) length of 1in (2.5cm) bias binding
- 70in (178cm) length of 1in (2.5cm) wide webbing, for the strap
- Two 1in (2.5cm) rectangular metal sliders
- Four 1in (2.5cm) metal rectangular rings
- A 10in (25.5cm) plate and a regular-sized mug to use as templates
- Erasable marker pen
- Clear fabric glue
- 24in (61cm) length of 1in (2.5cm) wide elastic

POSY CONE

This simple cone is a perfect place to display a bunch of dried flowers, store wedding confetti or use as storage for bobbins and threads when you're not celebrating. Hessian/burlap is a wonderfully earthy, organic-looking fabric that lends itself to a little ribbon and lace.



Finished size

5½ x 7½in (14 x 19cm)

What you need

- 10 x 9in (25.5 x 23cm) of hessian/burlap
- 10 x 9in (25.5 x 23cm) of natural cotton lining fabric
- 18in (45.75cm) length of ½in (1cm) wide ribbon
- 18in (45.75cm) length of ½in (1cm) wide lace
- Button
- Posy template (see page 176)
- Optional: tweezers

Tip

Why not enlarge the cone template to make a display of different-sized posies!



1 Measure 3in (7.5cm) from the top of your hessian/burlap and gently pull out, one strand at a time, eight strands of thread (tweezers may help here). Thread the lace onto a large-eyed needle and weave through the hessian/burlap, going over and under four strands at a time.

TEMPLATE

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POSY CONE TEMPLATE

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100 per cent to scale.

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