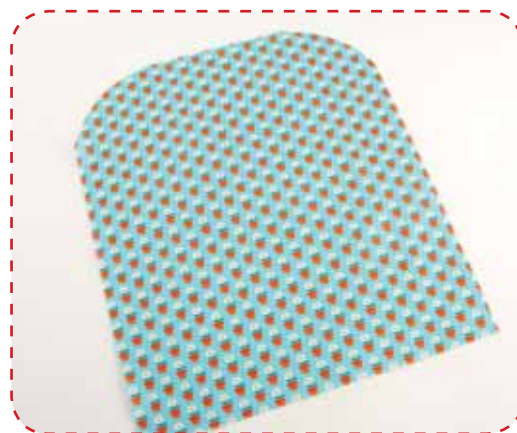


Crafty kids' backpack

This backpack is the perfect 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 13. With this method of zipping, you could attach two sliders so that the zip closes in the centre.



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

What you need

Two pieces of outer fabric measuring 12in (30.5cm) wide by 14in (35.5cm) long

Two pieces of lining fabric measuring 12in (30.5cm) wide by 14in (35.5cm) long

Two pieces of fusible fleece measuring 12 x 14in (30.5 x 35.5cm)

For the zipped panel, four pieces of fabric measuring 29 x 2½in (73.75 x 6.5cm)

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30in (76.25cm) zip

Four pieces of fabric measuring 5in (13cm) wide by 4½in (11.5cm) long

Two pieces of fusible fleece measuring 4½ x 5in (11.5 x 13cm)

For the inside pocket, two pieces of fabric measuring 9in (23cm) square

7in (18cm) zip

For the outside pocket, one piece of fabric measuring 10in (25.5cm) across by 18in (45.75cm) long

One piece of fusible fleece measuring 10 x 9in (25.5 x 23cm)

Two pieces of fabric measuring 1½in (4cm) wide by 18in (45.75cm) long

Two pieces of fusible fleece measuring 1½ x 9in (4 x 23cm)

Two 10in (25.5cm) zips

For the flap, two pieces of fabric measuring 10in (25.5cm) wide by 4½in (11.5cm) deep

One piece of fusible fleece measuring 10 x 4½in (25.5 x 11.5cm)

Large snap fastener

For the base, one piece of outer fabric measuring 12 x 5in (30.5 x 13cm)

One lining piece measuring 12 x 5in (30.5 x 13cm)

One fusible fleece measuring 12 x 5in (30.5 x 13cm)

One piece of mesh bag base measuring 11 x 4in (28 x 10cm)

190in (483cm) of 1in (2.5cm) bias binding

70in (178cm) of 1in (2.5cm) wide webbing for the strap

Two 1in (1.5cm) 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 ink pen

Clear fabric glue

Elastic, 1in (2.5cm) wide, by 24in (61cm) long