

Diego Rescue Pack Tutorial



Materials:

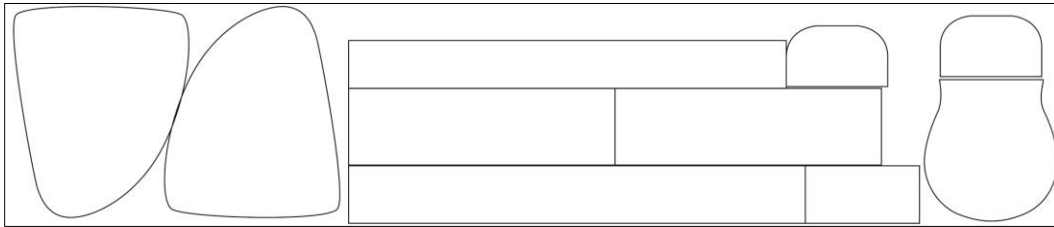
- 1/3-1/2 yard orange no-pill fleece
- 5" of 1 1/2" wide elastic
- 9-12" zipper
- thread
- red, black, white, pink iron-on vinyl or fabric paint

Cut from Fleece:

- 2 body pattern pieces
- 2 flap pieces
- 1 pocket piece
- 3"x24" gusset piece
- 2.5"x23" pocket gusset piece
- 2 - 4"x14" strap piece & gusset piece
- 3"x6" strap piece

Instructions:

1. Pre-wash all fabric and press.
2. Cut out your pieces. For optimum fabric usage, use this layout:



3. Pin the pocket gusset piece to the pocket and sew a 1/4" seam around the edge.
4. Turn the top edge of the pocket down by 1/2" and top-stitch to create a finished edge.
5. Pin the pocket to one of the main backpack pieces taking care to make sure that Rescue Pack's slant is to the correct side so that the strap will come out of the top right of the backpack.
6. Top stitch around the edge of the pocket staying as close to the pocket edge as you can.
7. Sew your flap by pinning the two flap pieces together and sewing around the curved side leaving the straight edge open. Turn the flap right-side out.
8. Align the straight edge of the flap with the top edge of the pocket and pin in place. Sew along the edge you just pinned.
9. For the strap of the bag, begin with the smaller 3"x6" piece. Fold this piece in half length-wise and stitch along the long side. Turn the strap and slide 5" of 1 1/2" elastic into the strap. With the strap right-side out and the elastic on the inside, stay stitch the elastic to one end of the casing. Pull the top of the fleece down so that it is even with the elastic and stay stitch the elastic along the top edge of the strap.
10. Now, take the longer strap strip and fold this in half as well. Sew along the long side. Insert the shorter strap piece into one end of the longer strap and stitch a 1/2" seam along the edge. Turn the long strap piece right-side out and top-stitch where the short piece connects to the longer piece for added strength.
11. Pin the strap into place on the body piece which does not have the pocket attached to it. Take care to place the elastic casing end at the lower left corner and the top at the upper right corner.
12. Take the remaining 4"x14" piece of fleece and cut it in half lengthwise making two 2"x14" pieces. Attached each piece to one side of your zipper. Then, sew your 3"x24" piece to either end creating a continuous loop.

13. With seams facing outward, pin the zipper loop/gusset around the edge of the body piece - toward the strap. Sew a 1/2" seam around the pinned edges. Pin the front piece of the backpack to the gusset making sure that the strap is between the front and back pieces, that the pocket is facing inward, and that you have opened your zipper. Sew a 1/2" seam around the pinned edges.
14. Using the face template, either paint on the mouth and eyes, or use a Silhouette or similar vinyl cutter to cut iron-on vinyl to create your face. Mission complete!

Front and Back of Backpack



Match Stars
to piece pattern
together

Cut 2

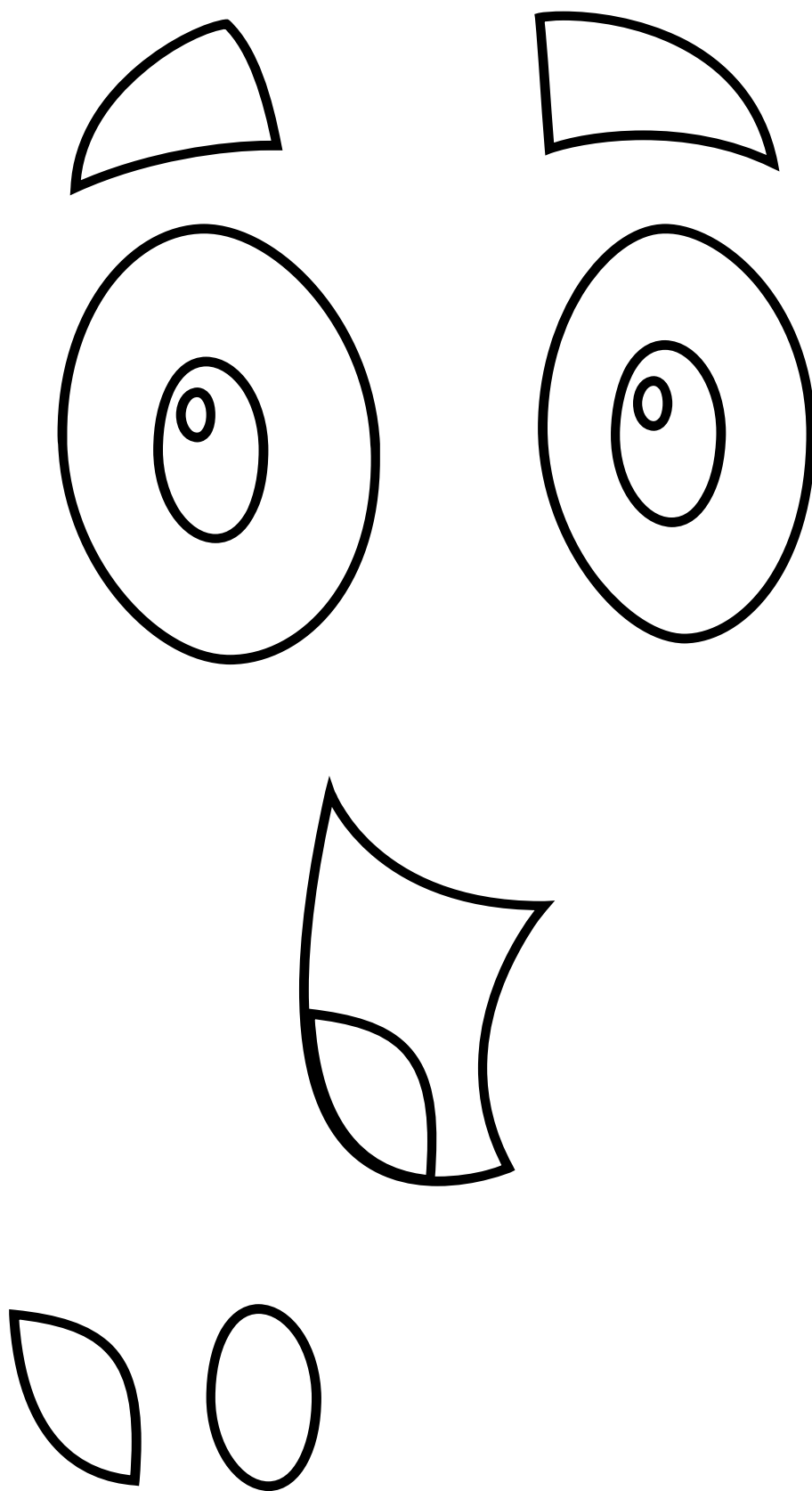
Front and Back of Backpack



Match Stars
to piece pattern
together



Cut 2





Front Pouch

Cut 1



Pouch Flap

Cut 2