

Me Sew Crazy 'Bustle Backpack' school version

Test

Fold fabric in quarters, line up the center, and cut on Folds
• Cut (1) Exterior
• Cut (1) Lining
• Cut (1) Interfacing

You will also need to cut:

- (2) 32" x 16" rectangles of fabric (1 exterior, 1 lining) for 'backpack'
- (1) 32" x 16" rectangle of interfacing
- (2) 3" x 20" rectangles of fabric for 'straps'
- (2) 3" x 20" rectangles of interfacing
- $(1) 4" \times 60"$ fabric for sash
- Cut 80 fabric circles for bustle, mine were 4.5" and I used the top of a small bowl

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The Bustle Backpack

What You Will Need:

Approx. 2 yards of fabric interfacing coordinating thread ribbon or fabric for sash

Let's Get Cutting (Accessory version Only):

Cut (2) 27.5" x 11" rectangles of fabric (one exterior, one lining) for 'backpack'

Cut (1) 27.5" x 11" rectangle of interfacing

Cut (2) 3" x 20" rectangles of fabric for 'straps'

Cut (2) 3" x 20" rectangles of interfacing

Cut (1) 4" x 60" fabric for sash (or just use ribbon)

Cut pattern piece found **HERE** for 'bottom'.

Cut 50 - 60 fabric circles for bustle, mine were 4.5" around and I used the top of a small baby bowl I had for shape.

***SEE PATTERN PAGE FOR SCHOOL VERSION CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS!

Let's Get Started:

We are going to start by using the tutorial found <u>HERE</u>, to add the circles to the exterior fabric backpack piece, folding them in quarters and pinning and sewing in place. See Photo:



Now let's set that aside for a moment and interface all of the lining pieces on the wrong side of

the fabric, as well as one side of the straps.

Picking back up the backpack piece, fold in half so right sides are together, and pin and sew along the 11" raw edge. See Photo:



You should now have a ruffle tube.

Keeping the ruffle tube wrong side out, take the bottom of the backpack, the circle, and pin right sides together to the ruffle tube. Do not sew yet!!! Set aside. See Photo:



Take the backpack straps and fold in half lengthwise. Sew along outer long edge. See Photo:



Turn tube and Press. Edge stitch for a more finished look.

Now, you are going to slip the backpack straps inside the ruffle tube, and slip in between the pinned bottom and ruffle tube. Pin in place approx. 1" on each side of the back seam. See Photos:



Sew around circle. Snip excess backpack strap coming through seam. You should now have

this:



We are going to now sew the lining together, same as we did with the exterior, just omitting the backpack straps.

With the lining still wrong side out, and the exterior right side out, slip the exterior inside the lining - so that right sides are facing. Match up back seam and pin around the top. See Photo:



We are going to sew all around EXCEPT for the 5 - 6" around the back seam. We will need to leave that open to turn back right side out, as well as pin and sew the straps in later. See Photo:



Turn bag right side out and press lining inside.

Take the backpack straps and slip inside the opening, 1" on either side of back seam. Edge stitch around entire top, going back and forth over the straps.



Mark various places around the top of the bag, approx. 1" from the top to sew buttonholes. I sewed 1 buttonhole in between each ruffle. See Photo:



Take the fabric stash and fold in half right sides together and sew along long raw edge. Turn tube right side out and Press. Fold in raw edges and edge stitch all around.

Slip sash or ribbon through buttonholes and voila!