

Mini Backpack Instructions



Supplies needed:

Embellish Product

- Fusible Underlay Bold
- Vinyl Weeding Tool
- Seam Ripper
- Matte Thread

RNK & QS Product

- (2) 8 ½" x 11" Cork Fabric Sheets
- ¼" Stitch Perfection Tape
- Embroidery Perfection Tape
- Rotary Cutter and Mat
- 3" x 18" Ruler
- Self-Erase Marker
- Quilting Clips
- Perfect Cotton Plus Thread



Other Supplies

- 12" Zipper
- Fabric/ Vinyl for Straps (4" x 14")
- ½" Swivel Clasp or Split Ring (optional)

Cutting Guide

Cork:

Cut (1) 11" x 4"
Cut (2) 6 ½" x 2"
Cut (2) 3" x 2 ¾"
Cut (1) 1.2" x 1"

Straps:

Fabric/Vinyl:

Cut (2) 12" x 2"
Cut (1) 4" x 2"

Construction – Use ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise noted:

1. Fuse Embellish Fusible Underlay Bold to the back of the RNK Cork Sheets using a pressing cloth and a low/medium temperature iron. Fuse the Underlay to the strap pieces if using fabric.
2. Cut out the pieces.

Straps and Tab

3. Fold one 12" x 2" piece in half lengthwise wrong sides together and finger press. Open it up, fold the edges to the center crease, then fold in half. Press. Use Quilters Select Quilting Clips to hold together.
4. Topstitch down long edges of the strap removing clips as you go.
5. Repeat with the remaining strap piece. Set aside.

Main Body

6. Using the Quilters Select Self-Erase Marker, mark each end 4 ½" down on the 11" x 4" piece. This leaves a 2" area in the center. Draw a line across the center at each 4 ½" mark.
7. On one end mark 1" down in the center for the band and mark ½" up from the bottom line in the seam allowance of the same section for the straps. Fold in half lengthwise and mark the center at each end for later zipper placement.
8. Using a 2" circle mark each corner of the piece, trim along the line to round the corners. Set aside.

Zipper

9. Mark the center of the zipper with the Self-Erase Marker. Place the zipper right side up with the pull opening to the right.
10. Place RNK ¼" Stitch Perfection Tape along the edge of the zipper tape. Remove the release paper.

11. Mark the long edge center of the 6 ½" x 2" pieces. Lay one of the pieces right side down over the zipper matching the center of the zipper tape edge with the center of the cork raw edge. The zipper will be longer than the cork piece.
12. Stitch close to the zipper teeth using a zipper foot.
13. Fold the cork away from the zipper. Topstitch 1/8" from the folded edge of the cork.
14. Repeat steps 10-13 with the remaining 6 ½" x 2" piece.
15. Take one of the 3" x 2 ¾" pieces and attach it to one side of the zipper section. Sew the two pieces together.
16. Repeat with the other side making sure to keep the zipper tab out of the way.
17. Trim the entire piece so the edges are even with the zipper tape section.

Assembly

18. With the small tab prepared earlier, fold it in half. Place the tab ends on the top mark on the back of the body and stitch.
 - a. For the optional swivel hook, place it in the tab before stitching the ends to the body.
19. Place one end of each strap to the same mark just below the tab ends. Hold in place with a small piece of RNK Embroidery Perfection Tape. Stitch across the straps.
20. Place the 1" x 1 ½" piece over the area and stitch close to the edge.
21. Align the other end of the strap pieces at the ¼" mark in the seam allowance on the same side bottom and clip. Baste in place. Tape the straps and tab toward the center to keep them out of the way for stitching.
22. Find the center of the zipper section and the center of the body piece on both sides and mark with the Self-Erase Marker.
23. Match the centers on one side of the body and zipper. Clip the two pieces right sides together all the way to the bottom line mark. Clip the round corners as needed to make it fit, keeping the cuts inside the seam allowance.

24. Stitch the body and zipper section together, using the Embellish Vinyl Weeding Tool as a stiletto to keep the edges together and help ease the cork through.
25. Repeat with the other side, opening the zipper about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way before sewing.
26. Stitch across the bottom edges, clipping the corner bend slightly to help with the fit. Trim the seam if needed.
27. Turn the backpack right side out. Remove the Embroidery Perfection Tape.