

Projects

"Patchwork Backpacks"



Get crafty for back to school with an embroidered four patch backpack.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Aventura Sewing & Embroidery Machine
McCall's Pattern M6808 or similar basic backpack pattern
Madeira Aerofil all-purpose thread to match fabrics
Assorted colors Madeira embroidery thread
Baby Lock Super Stable stabilizer
5/8 yard pink cotton fabric
5/8 yard orange cotton fabric
20" zipper
Scissors
Pins
Iron and Ironing board

Instructions:

1. Separate the pattern pieces and locate the pieces for view C.
2. Cut the back, lining and side pieces according



the pattern instructions.

3. For the front, fold the pattern piece in half twice. Measure the piece and add seam allowances. Cut four pieces to patch together to form the backpack front.
4. Thread your machine with all-purpose thread. Select a straight stitch with a center needle position.
5. Lay out your squares the way you want them to be for the front of your backpack. You should have 2 rows of 2 squares, alternating the colors as desired or as a checkerboard pattern.
6. Hoop one of the squares and a piece of Baby Lock Super Stable stabilizer in the hoop.
7. With the machine set-up for embroidery locate and select the first animal design. Center the design and use the editing tools to modify the size or position of the design to your liking.
8. Set the design. Embroider the design onto the block using assorted colors of embroidery thread.
9. Once the embroidery is complete, remove the embroidery from the hoop.
10. Trim the excess stabilizer to the size of the block without trimming it away from the design. Leave the stabilizer around the design to help support the design. It will not show once the project is complete.
11. Repeat the embroidery process for the remaining blocks selecting a different animal design. (The bear design was used twice with a different color selection each time.)



12. Set the machine for sewing and select a straight stitch
13. Pin the first two squares together. Then align your fabric with the guide on the foot to create a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Stitch, the first two blocks together, repeat this to create the remaining row.
14. Press the seams of each row.
15. Place the first row to the second row, right sides together and match up the seams. Use a pin to hold each of the seams together.
16. Stitch the rows together, removing the pin before it reaches the needle.
17. Continue to assemble the backpack according to the pattern directions, following the steps to insert the zipper and add the lining.

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