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Emelia's Dream

A Free Project Sheet
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Backpack

Project Designed by Heidi Pridemore



Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

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Finished Backpack Size: 14" x 10" x 4"
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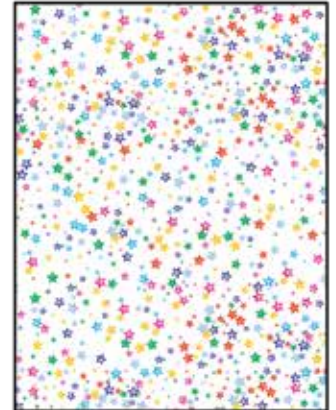
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Quilt 1

Fabrics in the Emelia's Dream Collection



Inspirational Blocks - Blue
9411-77



Stars - White
9412-01



Butterflies - Light Blue
9413-11



Hearts - Pink
9414-22



Wavy Stripe - Pink/Multi
9415-22



Starburst - White
9416-01



Mini Hearts - White
9417-01



Rainbows - Light Blue
9418-11



Unicorns & Rainbows - Pink
9419-22



Peace Signs - White
9420-01

Select Fabric from
the Starlet Collection



Purple
6383-Purple

Materials

5/8 yard	Rainbows - Light Blue (A)	9418-11
1/3 yard	Wavy Stripe - Pink/Multi (B)	9415-22
1/4 yard	Starlet - Purple (C)	6383-Purple
5/8 yard	Stars - White (D)	9412-01

Cutting Instructions

Please note: all strips are cut across the width of fabric (WOF) from selvage to selvage unless otherwise noted.

From the Rainbows - Light Blue (A), cut:

- (1) 16 1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 16 1/2" squares

From the Wavy Stripe - Pink/Multi (B), cut:

- (1) 9 1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 9 1/2" squares

From the Starlet - Purple (C), cut:

- (1) 4" x 18" WOF strip
- (1) 1 1/2" x WOF strip.

From the Stars - White (D), cut:

- (1) 16 1/2" x WOF strip. Sub-cut (2) 16 1/2" squares

Sewing Instructions

1. To make the handle, fold (1) 4" x 18" Fabric C strip in half lengthwise and press (Fig. 1). Open the folded fabric and fold each long edge to the creased centerline and press (Fig. 2).

2. Fold the pressed fabric in half again and press to make (1) 1" x WOF strip (Fig. 3). Top stitch down both long sides 1/8" in from the edge (Fig. 4) to make (1) handle. *Note: The strip will be 1/4 of the width of strip you start with.*

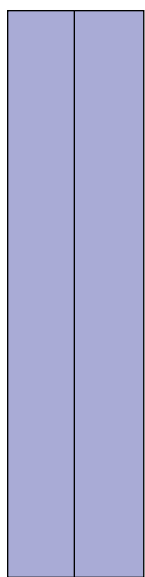


Fig. 1

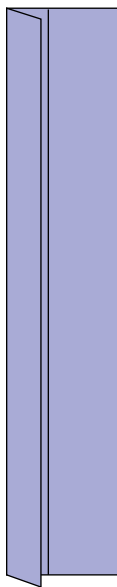


Fig. 2

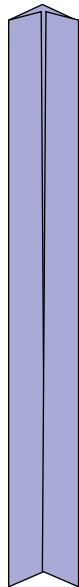


Fig. 3

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Fig. 4

3. Repeat Steps 1-2 with (1) 1 1/2" x WOF Fabric C strip to make the drawstring tie.

4. Fold over one edge of (1) 16 1/2" Fabric A square, 1/4" and then a second 1/4" towards the wrong side of the fabric and press (Fig. 5). Repeat with the second 16 1/2" Fabric A square and (2) 16 1/2" Fabric D squares.

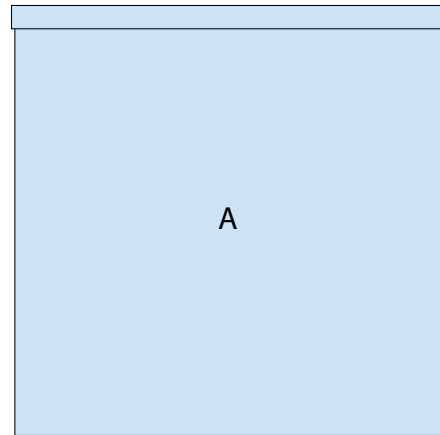


Fig. 5

5. On (1) 16 1/2" Fabric A square, measure and mark the vertical center. Measure and mark a 3/4" line a 1/4" away from the center mark (Fig. 6). Using your favorite method, make a buttonhole on each line for the drawstring to go through.

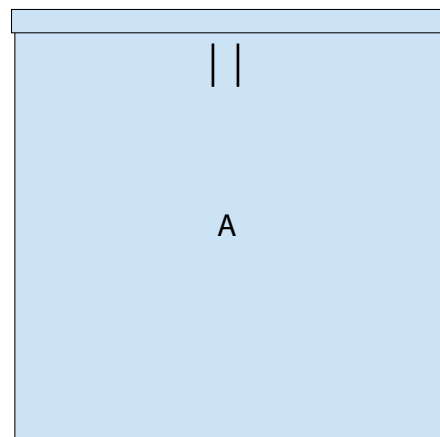


Fig. 6

6. Place the (2) 16 ½” Fabric D squares, right sides together. Stitch down the two short sides and across the bottom, leaving a 4” opening for turning.

7. Measure in from the side edge 4” and up from the bottom edge 4” at each lining corners. Cut out the square of fabric (Fig. 7). Open the cut bottom and align the bottom edge with the side edge and sew the two edges together (Fig. 8). Repeat with the other bottom corner to make the box bottom to complete the lining.

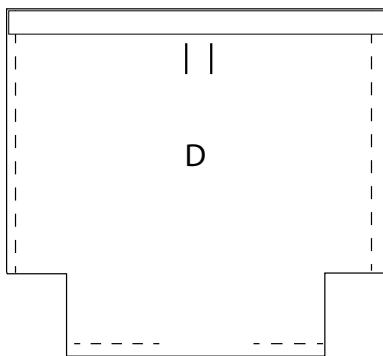


Fig. 7

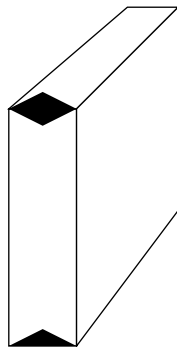


Fig. 8

8. Repeat Steps 6-7 with the (2) 16 ½” Fabric A squares to complete the outer bag, except do not leave a 4” opening.
NOTE: The side with the buttonholes is considered the bag front.

9. Place the (2) 9 ½” Fabric B squares, right sides together. Using the corner template, trace one arch on the two lower corners and cut on the line (Fig. 9).

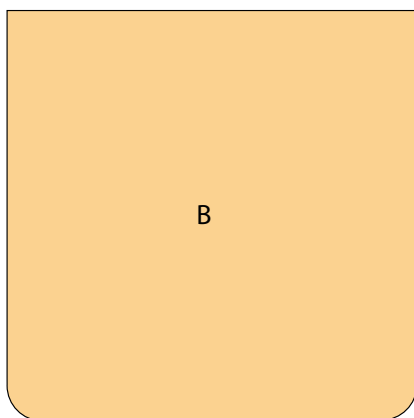


Fig. 9

10. Sew the two halves of the flap together down each side and across the curved bottom (Fig. 10).

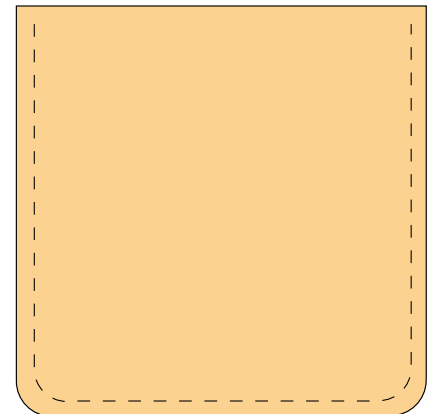


Fig. 10

11. Pin the handle to the back of the outer bag, aligning the raw edges of the handles with the top raw edge of the bag, measuring 2” in from each side edge.

12. Position the flap on the back edge of the bag over the handle, with the flap facing down and aligning the flap raw edge with the bag top raw edge and pin in place.

13. Place the bag, with handle and flap, right sides together with the lining, aligning the top raw edges of the bag and lining and pin them together. Sew the lining and bag together.

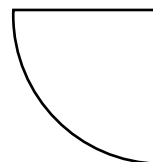
14. Turn the bag and lining right side out through the opening in the lining. Press as needed and top stitch the opening closed. Put the lining into the bag, aligning the sides and bottom.

15. Measure down below the buttonholes a ¼” and mark a line around the bag. Topstitch on this line through both the outer bag and lining to make a drawstring channel.

16. Thread the drawstring through one buttonhole around the top of the bag and out the second buttonhole. Knot each end of the drawstring to complete the bag.

OPTIONAL: Topstitch around the bottom edge to create a boxy bottom.

Corner Template for Flap



1” square
for scale

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