



COATS

Drawstring Backpack

Skill level:
Beginner

Featuring:
Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements



Technique:	Sewing
Designed By:	Coats Design Team
Brand:	Coats
Crafting Time:	Weekend

Create a patchwork drawstring bag with style using Coats Eclectic Elements prints by Tim Holtz

Finished Size:

13¾" x 18" (32cm x 43cm)

**Fabric from Coats Eclectic Elements collection by Tim Holtz
FreeSpirit Designer Essential Cotton Solids Collection**

Fabric Requirements:

Eclectic Elements 5" Charm Pack FB6CPTH.22014
2 pks or 24 5" (12.7cm) squares
CSFSESS.NATUR ½ YD (.45M) lining

Additional Requirements:

2 pieces of cord, each 2 yds (180cm) long, in a color to match fabrics (diameter ¼ inch / 0.7 cm), one large safety pin and Coats thread to match fabric

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Cutting Instructions:

All measurements include 1 cm (¼ inch) wide seam allowances

Lining:

2 fabric pieces, each 13¾ x 18 inches (35 x 46 cm)

Sewing Instructions:

Sew the backpack sides:

For each side of the backpack you will need 12 fabric squares.

Cut 24 squares (illus. 1). Sew two backpack sides of 12 squares each, as shown in illus. 2.

Sew tabs for the cords:

For each tab, fold the fabric piece in half widthwise, right side facing in. Stitch edges together, leaving an opening for turning. Turn tab right side out and topstitch 4 times. Make 2 identical tabs = squares, 2½" x 2½" (6 x 6 cm). Press each tab in half.

Line the backpack:

To make sure that the lining pieces match the pieced outer sides, lay each side unit on a lining piece and trim to the same size. Lay each lining piece on a side unit, right sides facing. Stitch together along upper edge, as shown in illus. 3. Press seams open. Now lay the lining/side units together, right sides facing. Stitch together as shown in illus. 4, catching the tabs as marked, leaving side openings, as marked, and leaving approx. 2½" (6 cm) open as marked, for turning.

When leaving each opening, tie-off end of seam and begin new seam after opening.

Finish backpack:

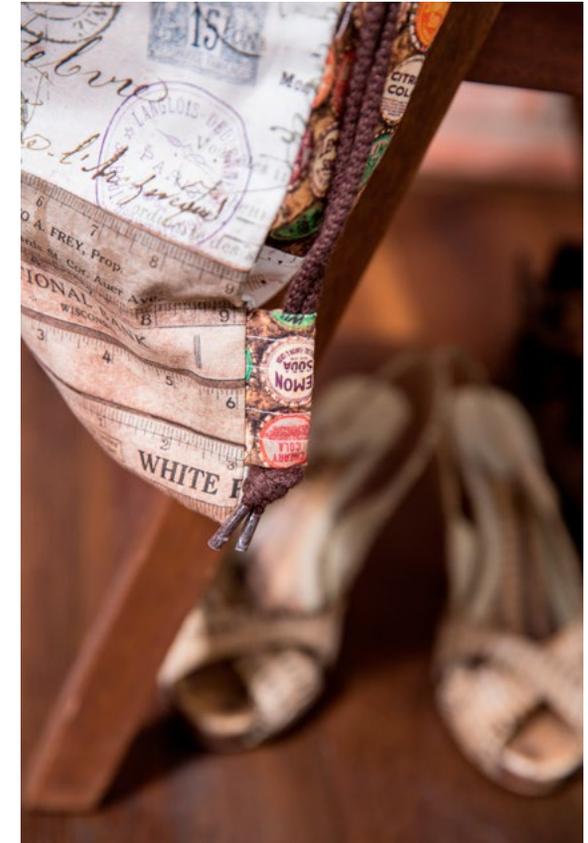
Turn backpack right side out. Sew the seam opening to close. Lay the lining in the backpack, wrong sides facing. Topstitch 1¼" (3 cm) from the upper edge, to form a casing for the cord.

Finishing:

Using a safety pin as a bodkin, pull one cord through the casing on the front side of the backpack and back through the casing on the back side of the backpack. Run both cord ends through the tab and knot them together below the tab. Run the second cord through the casings but begin on the opposite side of the backpack.

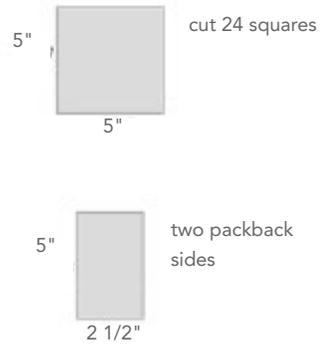
Tip:

If you use meterage/yardage, cut the Tim Holtz Logo from the selvage and appliqué it to the drawstring backpack, as a cool detail.

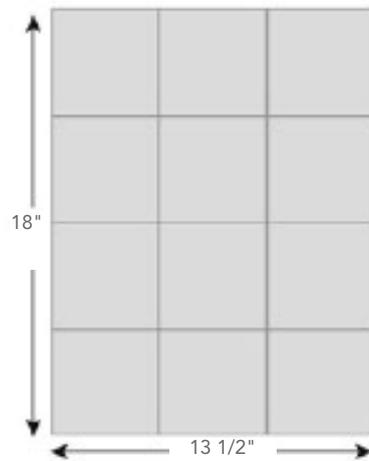


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1 pattern for square and lining



2 diagram for the side of the bag



3 stitch together each lining with one piece of fabric on the upper side



4 Sew both rectangulars together

