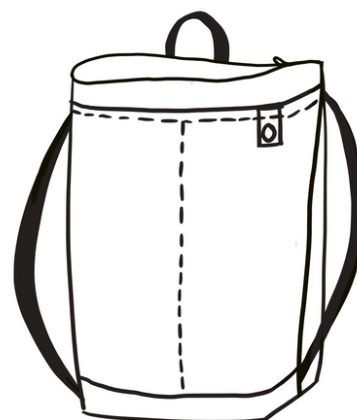# SEWING PATTERN #9 - EVERYDAY BACKPACK
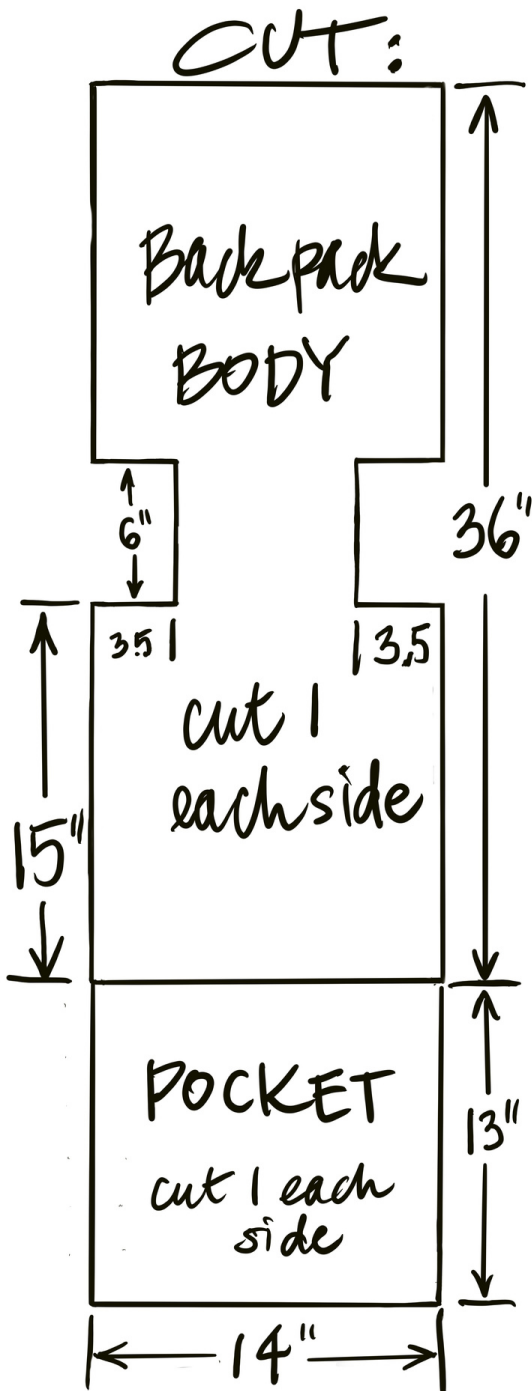
Your new favorite bag for all your daily adventures,
our Everyday Backpack is cute, hands-free convenience. Simple to make.

NOTE TO SELF

Today will be
a good day!

CUT:

Backpack BODY

6"

3.5 | | 3.5

cut 1 each side

15"

36"

13"

POCKET

cut 1 each side

|← 14" →|

- **Backpack is 15" tall x 13" wide x 5" deep**
- 2 full length outside pockets for water bottles or baby bottles.
- Inside pocket fits your tablet.
- Made from 2 pieces of Laminated cotton back to back, both sides washable/wipeable.
- 30" straps fit a variety of bodies.

Materials

- **Fabric:** 2 x 1/2 yd pieces, in 2 different prints of laminated cotton - 1 yd total.
- **Webbing:** 2yds 1" nylon or other webbing.
- **30" of one side of a #5 coil zipper**
- **1 #5 Zipper pull**
- Notions can be purchased @Seattlefabric.com

Sewing Notes

Bags use heavier #40 thread + sharp Denim needle. Even better: SCHMETZ NonStick needle size 80 or 90.
Use a long stitch length #3.5 or #4
No need to bind or serge cut edges as fabric won't fray - it's sealed.
Seam allowance 1/2"

Cut

1) Cut 2 rectangles, 14"w x 49" L
1 inside fabric, 1 outside fabric.
Cut off 2 pockets 14"w x 13"L
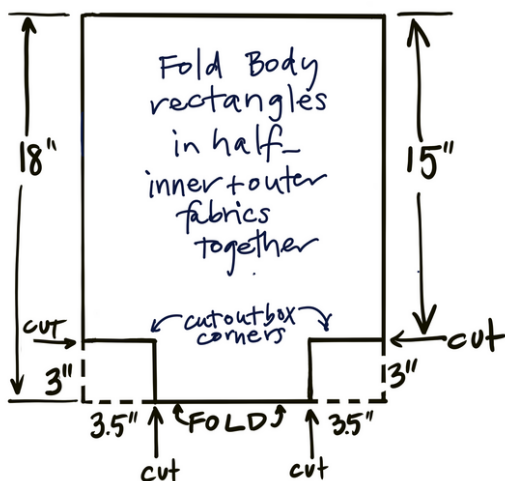Body pieces are 14"w x 36"L

ProTip: *Cut the 2 pieces back-to-back, separate them to sew the pockets on, then put them back together to sew the side seams and add the zipper.*
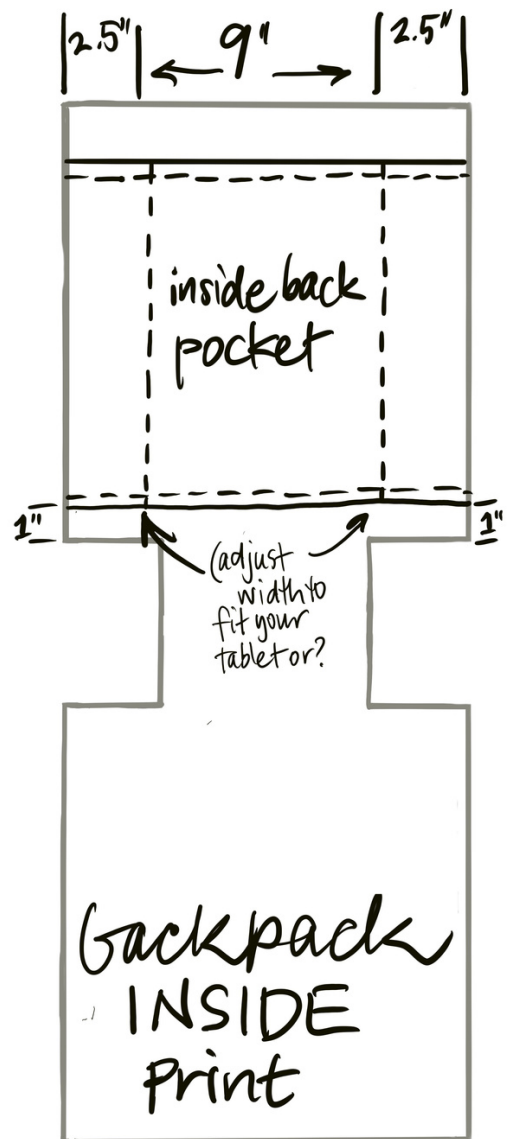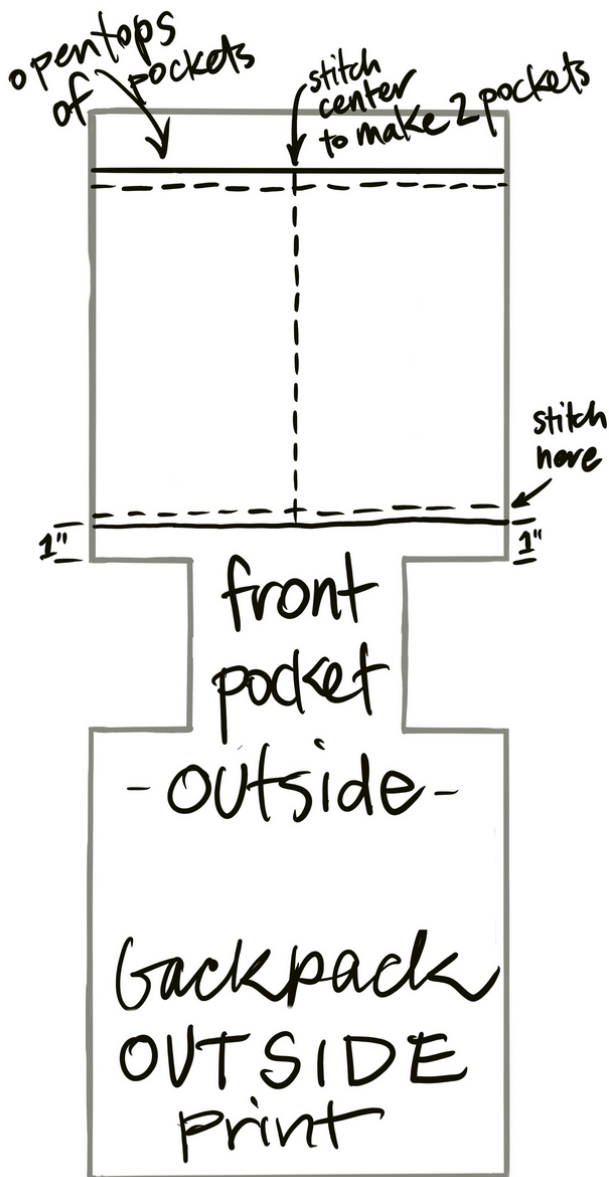*Note: With bags, as opposed to garments, it doesn't matter which way you cut the patterns on the fabric. Crossways is fine.*
Note: Our fabric prints are designed to accommodate cutting horizontal or vertical.
Our fabrics are 56" wide.

2) Fold body rectangles 1/2 lengthwise.
see illustration

3) Cut box corners 3" x 3.5" out of the folded side.
Add 1/2" on open side for seam allowance.
see illustration

Fold Body rectangles in half inner + outer fabrics together

18"

15"

cut out box corners

cut 3" | | 13"

3.5" ↑ FOLD ↑ 3.5"

cut   cut

Diagram (left)

open tops of pockets

stitch center to make 2 pockets

stitch here

1"   1"

front pocket

-outside-

Gackpack OUTSIDE Print

Diagram (right)

|2.5"| ← 9" → |2.5"|

inside back pocket

1"   1"

(adjust width to fit your tablet or?)

Gackpack INSIDE Print

Sew Pockets

**4)** Pockets: Fold 1/2" over, hem top**.**

Flatten out body pieces separately.

5) Sew on pockets:
Separate the inside & outside body pieces. Stitch bottom of pockets & vertical divisions on to the body - 1 vertical on the front, 2 verticals on the back as shown.
NOTE: No need to fold in or finish the edges as laminated cotton doesn't fray. Don't worry about pin holes, they will "heal". Clips are great too on our fabrics.

6) Pin front and back sides together, wrong sides together.

attach straps to back
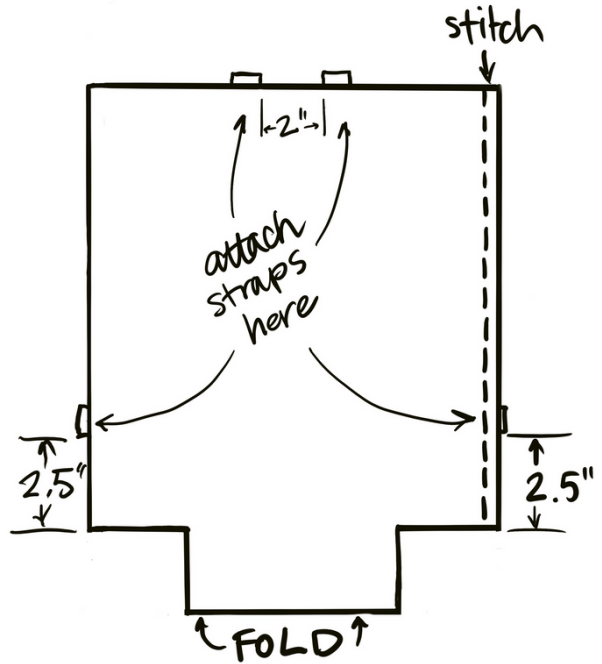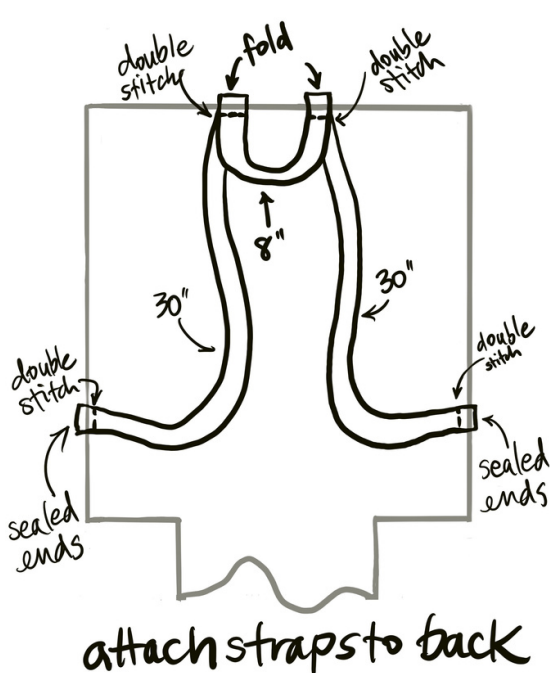
Attach Straps

7) Cut the ends of your webbing straight and melt ends with a lighter or candle.fold and stitch as shown to create a handle and straps.
8) Attach straps as shown to the back outside of your backback.

Fold again so outsides are together. Straps will be inside now.
9) Stitch one side of backpack thru all layers, double stitching at the straps to reinforce.
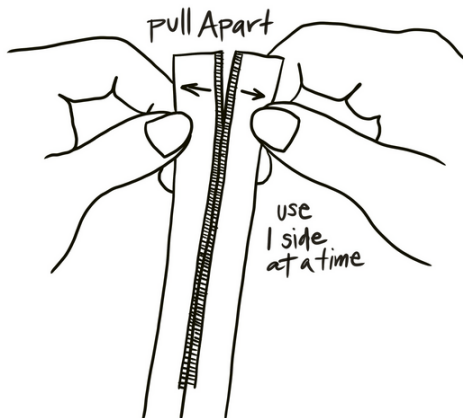
Zipper

Pull apart a 30" piece of continuous coiled zipper. You will use 1 side of it for the top of your back pack. You will add the zipper pull later.
(Save 2nd side of the zipper for another project.)

NOTE: Find continuous coil zipper #5 at your local fabric store, from Sallie Tomato, or @seattlefabric.com

stitch → on zipper teeth down

front
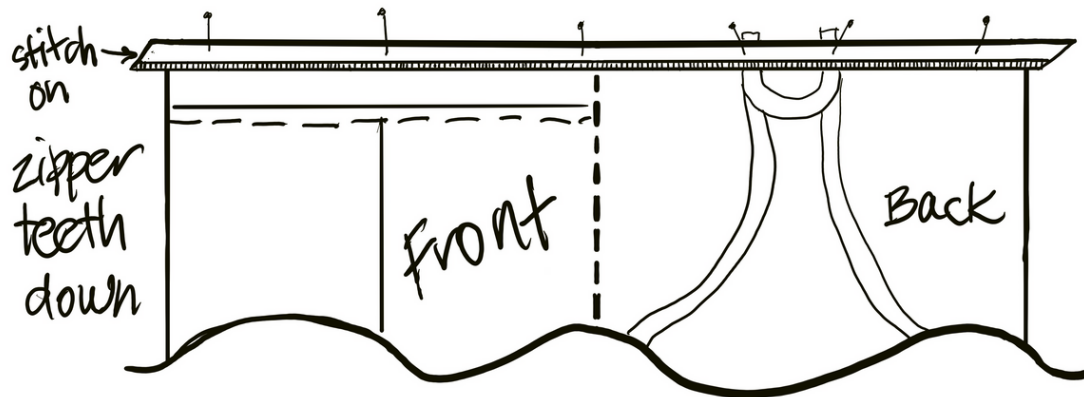
Back

Then fold zipper up flat + topstitch.

10) Open seam flat and pin or clip zipper tape as shown, teeth down and facing the laminated side of the outside fabric of your backpack.
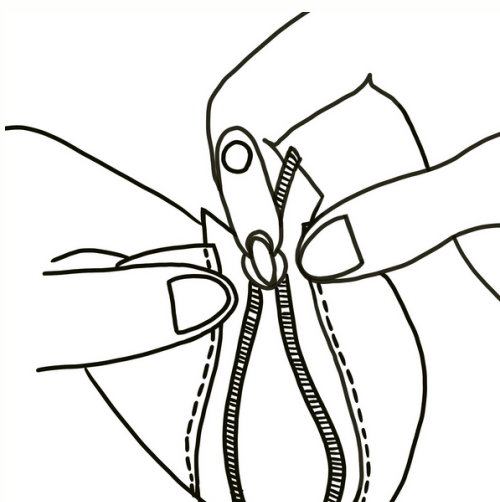STITCH. Double stitch over the straps.
*Note: no zipper foot needed. We sew along the edge of the zipper teeth.*

inside Fabric

outside fabric

zipper tape

sew foot close to zip teeth

TOP STITCH

outside fabric
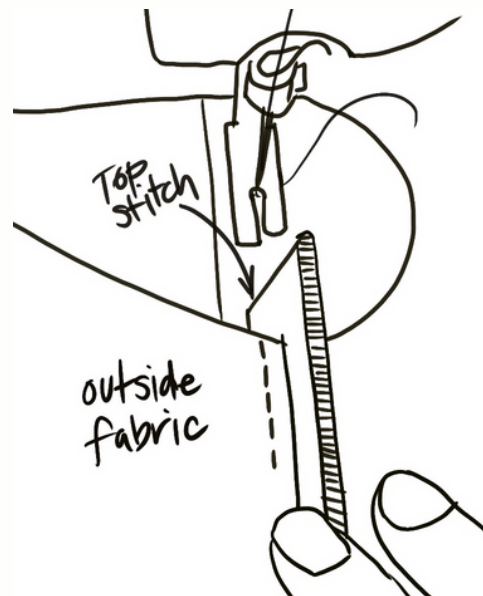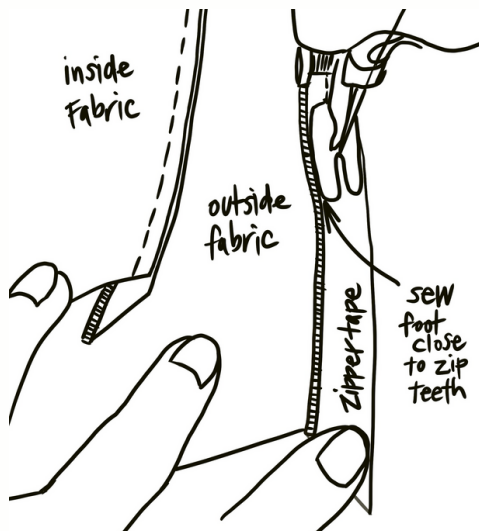
11) Fold zipper up, Finger press, TOPSTITCH.

Add Zipper Pull

This illustration shows the top of your bag, held so raw edges are lined up with eachother.
Cut the end of one side of the zipper tape off at an angle as shown. feed zipper pull on to long side first, then slip the second side onto the angled side.

This is tricky at first. Practice on a cut off piece of zipper tape to put the zipper pull on until you understand it.

(Wrong side of Bag)
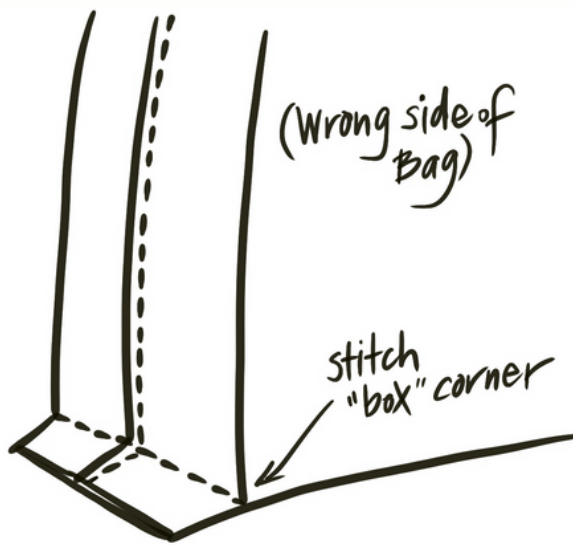
stitch "box" corner

FINISH

12) Stitch second side of your backpack, double stitching at strap ends.
13) Sew both box corners.
Turn your new backpack inside out and load it up!

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