

# Mini Backpack

## Supplies

Sewing machine, needles, bobbin, scissors

RNK 8.5" by 11" cork sheets ( 2 needed )

Embellish Bold Underlay

QS rotary cutter and mat

QS ruler 3 by 18

QS erasable; marker

QS clips

QS 60 wt thread or Embellish 40 wt matte thread

RNK stitch perfection tape  $\frac{1}{4}$

Embroidery perfect stick tape

Embellish weeding tool

Embellish seam ripper

12 in zipper

Fabric/vinyl for straps 4" by 14"

$\frac{1}{2}$  inch Swivel clasp or split ring -optional

**Optional supplies**-for embroidery or foil

Embellish Sticky tearaway

Embellish Rinse away topper

Embellish Matte Thread or Flawless Thread

Embellish Heat transfer foil

## Cutting directions

### Cut from the cork

1-11 inch by 4 inch rectangle,

2-6.5 by 2 inch rectangles,

2- 3 by 2.75 inch pieces,1-1.2 by 1 inch piece

**Straps-** Cut from fabric or vinyl, 2-12 by 2 inch pieces,1-4 by 2 inch piece

### Assembly Directions- use $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seams

- 1- Fuse Embellish bold underlay to the back of the RNK cork sheets using a pressing cloth, fuse Embellish bold underlay to the strap pieces if using fabric
- 2- Cut out the pieces
- 3- **Make the straps and tab.** Fold one 12 inch by 2 inch piece in half long side, finger press. Then open it up, fold the edges to the center crease then fold in half. Press. Use QS clips to hold together. Topstitch down both sides of the strap, removing clips as you stitch. Repeat with the other 12 inch by 2 inch piece and the 4 inch by 2 inch tab piece. Set aside.
- 4- **Main body:**Mark lines on the 11 by 4 inch main piece as follows: Mark each end 4.5 inches down which leaves a 2 in area in the center, draw a line across the center at each 4.5 mark. Using the QS erasable marker, on one end mark 1 in down in the center for the band and mark  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch up from the bottom line in the seam allowance of the same section, for the straps. Now fold in half lengthwise and mark the center at each end for later zipper placement.
- 5- Using a 2 inch circle mark each corner of the 4 by 11 inch piece ,trim along the line to round the corners. Set aside.

- 6- **Zipper section:** Mark the center of the zipper. Place the zipper right side up with the pull opening to the right then place the ¼ inch stitch perfection tape along the edge of the zipper tape, remove the paper. Mark the center of the 6.5 inch by 2 inch pieces. Take one of the pieces and lay it down over the zipper, matching the edge of the zipper tape to the raw edge of the cork and matching the center. You want the zipper to be longer than the cork piece. (the cork will be over the top of the zipper tape). Stitch close to the zipper teeth using your zipper foot or stitch ¼ inch from the edge of the zipper tape. Fold the cork away from the zipper. Topstitch 1/8 inch from the folded edge of the cork.
- 7- Repeat step 5 with the second piece of the 6.5 by 2 inch piece.
- 8- Then take one of the 3 by 2.75 pieces and attach it to one side of the zipper section. (3 inches is the height, the zipper section will be wider.). Sew the two pieces together using a ¼ inch seam. Repeat with the other side making sure to keep the zipper tab out of the way. Trim the entire piece so that the edges are even with the zipper tape section.
- 9- With the small tab that you prepared earlier, fold it in half, place the tab ends on the top mark on the back of the body and stitch. For the optional swivel hook, you would now place it in the tab before stitching the ends to the body. Place one end of each strap to the same mark just below the tab ends. Hold in place with a small piece of Embroidery perfection tape if needed. Stitch across the straps. Place the 1 inch by 1.5 inch piece cut over the area and stitch close to the edge.
- 10- 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. I now like to tape the straps and tab toward the center to keep them out of the way for stitching.
- 11- Find the center of the zipper section and the center of the body piece on both sides. Mark.
- 12- Match the centers on one side of the body and zipper. Clip the two piece 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. It is ok if the zipper section is longer, we can trim it later.
- 13- Stitch the body and the zipper section together, using the embellish weeding tool as your stiletto to keep the edges together and help ease the cork through.
- 14- Repeat with the other side, opening the zipper about ¾ of the way before sewing.
- 15- Stitch across the bottom edges, clipping the corner bend slightly to help with the fit. Trim seam if needed.
- 16- Turn the backpack right side out. Remove the embroidery perfection tape.