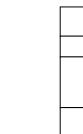
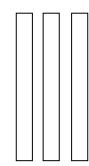
Cutting:

from fat quarters

2 strips	5" x 19"
2 strips	3" x 19"
2 strips	8" x 19"
2 strips	6" x 19"





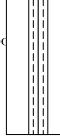
from yardage

3 strips	4" x 42"
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Sewing:

1. First sew the strips together. 5" to 3" to 8" to 6". You will make two of these pieces, measuring 19 x 22. (top stitch along the seam lines for embellishment)

2. Sew the two pieces together on the sides. Press open the seams and topstitch down be sides of the seam for reinforcement. Then sew the bottom. Double stitch for reinforcement.



einforced seams

- 3. Fold and Press a casing along the top to be greater than 1". Stitch.
- 4. Sew all three strips together end to end. Fold Handle Strips in half and press. Open and fold edge to crease. Press. Then fold in half again. Topstitch entire length. Cut in half to make two handles.
- 5. Carefully use the seam ripper and open the outside seam on the casing at both sides. This should be a finished edge with the reinforcing stitches.
- 6. Thread one of the handles through the opening and all around the top of the backpack. Coming out the same side you went in. Bring both ends of the handle to the bottom corner of the backpack. Square off the corner* of the backpack and place the ends of the handle in the middle. Stitch from the inside of the backpack to secure the ends and square the bottom. Repeat the same for the other side.

7. Enjoy!

* match the side seam with the bottom seam. This will make a triangle like shape in the corner. You will stitch across the triangle.

Fabric Requirements:

4 fat quarters

1/3 yard of fabric

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