

## PAJAMA PARTY BACKPACK

### Supplies:

Fabric A: One piece cotton print 7½" x 30" for top of backpack  
One piece cotton print 5" x 30" for bottom of backpack  
Fabric B: One piece solid cotton 7½" x 30" for top of backpack  
One piece solid cotton 5" x 30" for bottom of backpack  
Fabric C: One piece 6" x 30" pet screen mesh or contrast fabric  
for center of backpack  
3/16" Cording: Two 44" pieces  
Construction thread: Madeira Aerofil

Fabric marker  
Baby Lock Blind hem foot (R)  
Baby Lock Standard foot (J)  
¼" grommets/eyelets: Four  
Grommet setting tool and hammer to be used  
by instructor only  
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler to be used by  
instructor only

### Instructions:

1. Thread machine and bobbin with construction thread. Attach the standard sewing foot (J) and choose straight stitch with center needle position.
2. Construct the top of the backpack by sandwiching the mesh fabric in between the two 7½" x 30" pieces which are right sides together.
3. Repeat the same technique for the bottom of the bag using the 5" x 30" pieces.
4. Press away from the mesh.
5. Lay the completed piece on a cutting surface. The instructor will use the rotary cutter to cut the bag in half so each piece is approximately 15" long.
6. With right sides together, sew the bottom seam through all 4 layers of fabric.
7. Pin the side seams, right sides together. On both side seams, measure and mark 2" down from the top. With raw edges even, pin the cording on top of the seam one on the front of the bag and one on the back of the bag. Tack cording in place.
8. Sew the side seams.
9. The print and solid fabric at the top will now be treated as one. Create a casing by pressing down a ½" to the wrong side of the bag. Fold and press down another 1". Unfold for marking grommets.
10. The grommets along the top edge will be installed before sewing the casing. The grommets will be placed 2¼" down from the top raw edge and 1" from the side raw edge, one on the front and the other on the back in the opposite corner. Once the casing is sewn, the grommets fall within the casing hem. In an earlier step the cording was anchored to the front and back seam. Place the backpack on a work surface, inside out, so the cording is on the left seam. The grommet will be placed directly horizontal from the grommet close to the right seam. Flip the bag over and repeat. The top grommets go through two layers of fabric only. The instructor will set the grommets with a hammer and setting tool following manufacturer's instructions.
11. Each piece of the cording will be tucked inside the casing closest to the 1" casing fold line. Each piece of cording is anchored to a side seam and is positioned close to a grommet. Take one end of the cording and tuck it inside going all around the top of the bag and pull it through the grommet closest to where it was anchored. The other piece of cording will run in the opposite direction but will also go all around the bag and out through the grommet closest to where it began.
12. Tip: Begin with one piece of cording and pin the casing in place over the cording. When finished, tuck the second piece in place and reposition the pins as needed.
13. Repress the casing fold lines to make it easier to sew.
14. Convert machine for free arm sewing. Attach the blind hem foot and adjust the straight stitch width to 5.0 so the blade rides along the hem and the needle catches the fabric. Sew slowly and avoid sewing on top of the grommet.
15. Measure and mark 1½" from the side and bottom edges for the positioning of the two bottom grommets. Each will go through all 4 layers of fabric. Turn right side out and the instructor will hammer the grommets in place.
16. Pull the ends of the cording straight down from the top and insert it into the bottom grommet. Tie a large knot so the cording will not slip out of the bottom grommets.

