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## Mini Backpack

Featuring Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements Foundations, Coats® Eclectic Elements Hardware

You can carry this four-pocket backpack on an “Around the World in 80 Days” adventure, or just out for a day of shopping. It has plenty of room for essentials and side pockets for water bottles.

Collection:

Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements Foundations, Coats® Eclectic Elements Hardware

Technique:

Sewing

Skill Level:

Intermediate

Crafting Time:

Weekend\*

Finished Size:

14" x 9" x 6"  
(35.56cm x 22.86cm x 15.24cm)

\*Crafting time based on Intermediate skill level



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Project designed by Lori Harder

## Fabric Requirements

DESIGN	ARTICLE CODE	YARDAGE
(A) <b>Expedition</b>	PWTH016.MULTI	½ yard (45.72cm)
(B) <b>Photo Card</b>	PWTH013.MULTI	¾ yard (68.58cm)
(C) <b>Dictionary</b>	PWTH008.NEUTR	¾ yard (68.58cm)

## Additional Requirements

- **Coats Dual Duty XP® All-purpose thread** – 8020 Ecu, 8380 Seal Brown
- (2) **Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements** Large (38mm) Belt Loops, for shoulder straps
- (4) **Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements** Small (25mm) Belt Loops, for side cinch straps
- (2) **Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements** Large Adjustable Bar Buckles, for shoulder straps
- (3) **Tim Holtz Eclectic Elements** Small Buckles, for front pockets and front straps
- ½ yard (45.72cm) faux leather, 60" (152.40cm) 1 yard (.91m) firm fusible interfacing, 45" (114.30cm) (such as Pellon Décor Bond) 1 yard (.91m) ultra-firm sew-in stabilizer, 20" (50.80cm) (such as Pellon Peltex Ultra Firm)
- Glue stick
- Awl



(A)



(B)



(C)

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## Cutting

**Note:** When instructions call for rounding corners, create the same curve on corresponding pieces, such as the pocket and pocket lining that will be sewn together.

### Fabric A, cut:

- (1) 10½" x 9½" (26.67cm x 24.13cm), for bag flap; round lower corners slightly
- (2) 6" x 5" (15.24 cm x 12.70 cm), for front pockets; round lower corners slightly
- (2) 5" x 5" (12.70 cm x 12.70cm), for front pocket flap; round lower corners slightly
- (2) 2" x 14½" (5.08 cm x 36.83cm), for front pocket gussets
- (2) 6¾" (17.15cm) square, for side pockets

### Fabric B, cut:

- (1) 30" x 15" (76.20cm x 38.10cm), for bag body
- (2) 6" x 5" (15.24 cm x 12.70cm), for front pocket linings; round lower corners slightly
- (2) 9¾" x 6¾" (24.77cm x 17.15cm) side pocket trim band/lining

### Fabric C, cut:

- (1) 30" x 15" (76.20cm x 38.10cm), for bag lining
- (2) 5" x 5" (12.70 cm x 12.70cm), for front pocket flap lining; round lower corners slightly
- (1) 10" x 7" (25.40cm x 17.78cm), for bag lining bottom; round corners slightly
- (1) 10½" x 9½" (26.67cm x 24.13cm), for bag flap lining; round lower corners slightly
- (2) 2" x 14½" (5.08cm x 36.83cm), for front pocket lining gusset

### Faux leather, cut:

- (1) 10" x 7" (25.40cm x 17.78cm), for bottom; round corners slightly
- (2) 36" x 3¼" (91.44cm x 8.26cm), for shoulder straps
- (2) 3¼" x 3" (8.26 x 7.62cm), for lower shoulder strap
- (6) 4" x 2½" (10.16cm x 6.35cm), for flap and pocket top and bottom straps
- (4) 4½" x 3¼" (11.43cm x 8.26cm), for side cinch straps
- (1) 10" x 1" (25.40 cm x 2.54cm), for buckle loops

### Interfacing, cut:

#### All of the Fabric A pieces, plus:

- (2) 30" x 15" (76.20cm x 38.10cm), for bag body
- (2) 9¾" x 6¾" (24.77cm x 17.15cm), for side pocket trim band/lining

### Ultra-firm stabilizer, cut:

- (1) 10" x 7" (25.40cm x 17.78cm), for bag bottom; round corners slightly
- (2) 36" x 1⅜" (91.44cm x 3.49cm) for shoulder straps
- (2) 3¼" x 1⅜" (8.26 x 3.49cm), for shoulder strap loop
- (6) 3½" x ⅞" (8.89cm x 2.22cm), for flap and pocket straps
- (2) 4" x 1⅜" (10.16cm x 3.49cm), for side cinch straps
- (1) 10" x ⅝" (25.40cm x .79cm), for buckle loops

## Sewing

**Note:** All seams are ½" (1.27cm) unless otherwise stated, and pieces are sewn right sides together.

1. Following the manufacturer's instructions, fuse interfacing onto all corresponding fabric pieces.

## Straps

**Note:** Faux leather pieces for the top flap straps, top pocket flap straps, and side cinch straps are longer than stabilizer to fold over and finish both ends. The shoulder straps have only one finished end. The shoulder strap loops, bottom flap straps, bottom pocket flap straps, side cinch straps, and loops have both ends unfinished.

2. Wrap the faux leather around the sew-in stabilizer so the edges meet on the back side edge, and ends are finished as noted above. Glue the outer edges in place and edgestitch the finished edges.
3. From the 10" (25.40cm) faux leather strip, cut (3) 3¼" (8.26cm) lengths. Fold each loop in half and stitch together the raw edges using a ¼" (.64cm) seam. Finger-press the seam open. The loops are for the front pocket bottom straps and the flap bottom strap.
4. On the top flap strap and top pocket flap straps, sew an eyelet or small buttonhole 2¼" (5.72cm) from the finished strap end.
5. On the flap bottom strap and pocket bottom straps, fold ¼" (.64cm) under on one end. Fold in half so the raw edges match the folded end and mark the center fold on the strap underside. Using an awl, punch a hole through the strap at the mark. Insert the end into the small buckle on the opposite side of the roll bar, pushing the metal buckle prong through the hole. Thread through the loop with seam on the back. Edgestitch the folded end of each strap to the bag through all thicknesses.
6. On each front side cinch straps insert (2) small metal belt loops on one end. Fold 1" (2.54cm) to the back of strap and edgestitch through all thicknesses. Stitch again ¼" (.64cm) from the first stitching.

  
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### Flap

7. With right sides together, sew the **Fabric A** bag flap to the **Fabric C** flap lining. Turn, press, and edgestitch. Mark the center at top and bottom. Attach the top flap strap to the center of the flap 2" (5.08cm) above the lower edge by topstitching a 1" (2.54cm) square over the original strap edgestitching.
8. Mark the **Fabric B** bag front center 6¼" (15.88cm) above the bottom edge. Fold the bottom flap strap in half and slide a buckle loop between the layers. Attach the bottom flap strap to the bag at the mark by topstitching a 1" (2.54cm) square at the base through both layers.

### Pockets

9. Stitch a front pocket gusset to each front pocket, clipping ⅜" (1 cm) into the seamline at the rounded corners. Repeat for the front pocket lining and pocket lining gussets.
10. With right sides together, sew the front pockets and lining across the top. Turn the pocket right side out, press, and edgestitch. Baste the pocket raw edges together. Fold each pocket bottom strap in half, sliding a buckle loop between the layers. Center and stitch the pocket bottom flap strap on each pocket, ½" (1.27cm) above the bottom pocket seam. Fold and press curved raw edge of the pocket under on the ½" (1.27cm) seamline. Edgestitch each pocket onto the bag front on either side of the bag front strap, about 1¾" above the bag bottom and slightly more than 1" (2.54cm) apart.
11. Stitch one pocket flap and one pocket flap lining right sides together around the curved edge. Turn, press, and edgestitch around the curved edge. Repeat for the second flap. Center a pocket flap ⅜" (.75cm) above each pocket (with the lining side down) and flap curve facing down. Stitch ¼" (.64cm) away from the raw edge. Fold the flaps up and topstitch ⅜" (.75cm) away from the fold, encasing the seam allowance.

12. Stitch each side pocket to the pocket band/lining across the top. Press the seam up and edgestitch on the band seam. Fold the band/lining portion down so there is a 2" (5.08cm) band showing on top of the pocket. Baste around the raw edges. Fold and stitch a 1" (2.54cm) long dart at each bottom corner through all layers. Fold the ½" (1.27cm) seam allowance under and press. Stitch the pockets onto the bag, leaving about ¼" (.64cm) between the front and side pockets, and having the lower edges align with the front pockets.

### Bag

13. Stitch the bag center back seam. Matching centers and raw edges, pin the flap to the bag back upper edge.
14. Insert the short shoulder strap through the belt loop and fold in half. Baste to the bottom of the bag back with the inside edges of the loops 2¾" (6.99cm) away from center back seam.
15. Fold one end of the shoulder strap under ½" (1.27cm). Insert it through one side of the center bar on the large adjustable bar buckle, over the center bar, and down through other side. Fold again to the back side of strap 1" (2.54cm). Edgestitch, then stitch ¼" (.64cm) from the first stitching.
16. With the shoulder strap up, thread it under the metal belt loop. Fold the shoulder strap up so the right side of the strap is now on top. Turn the buckle so the bottom and top bars are facing up. Thread the strap end under the bottom bar of the large adjustable bar buckle and over the originally stitched end/center bar, and down under the top bar. Repeat for the other shoulder strap. Baste the two loose ends of the shoulder straps, wrong side of strap to right side of the bag back, 2" (5.08cm) on either side of the center back seam, tucking the ends under the pinned flap. Stitch the flap in place, securing the strap ends in the seam.

17. Baste the stabilizer to the wrong side of the faux leather bottom. Stitch the bag to the bottom, clipping ⅜" (.75cm) into the seamline at the rounded bottom corners and being careful not to catch the loose straps in the seam. Turn and press, avoiding letting the iron touch the faux leather.
18. Stitch the center back seam of the bag lining. Stitch the bag lining to the bottom lining, clipping ⅜" (.75cm) into the seamline at rounded corners, and leaving a 7½" (19.05cm) opening on one long side for turning.
19. With right sides together and matching center back seams, slip the bag into the lining and stitch together around the top. Turn and press, being careful not to touch any faux leather with iron. Edgestitch around the top of the bag.
20. With the loose end pointed toward the front of the bag, edgestitch one end of a side cinch strap parallel to the bag upper edge and 2" (5.08cm) below the flap attachment edge, sewing through the bag and the lining. Stitch again 1" (2.54cm) from the first stitching. Thread the front cinch strap through (2) small belt loops, then fold in half. Fold the bag at the side pocket front edge, making a soft pleat at the side. Place the front cinch strap 2" (5.08cm) below the bag top edge and 2½" (6.35cm) from center front. Edgestitch the end and then stitch again 1" (2.54cm) from the first stitching through the bag and lining. Repeat to attach the other side cinch strap.

