Self-sewn mouse backpack

Instructions No. 1611

Difficulty: Advanced

Working time: 1 hour

This cute mice backpack is ideal as a kindergarten bag or sports bag for your little ones. The pretty elephant fabric proves: small mice and big elephants can very well be best friends!



Sewing instructions for the fabric backpack

The **rucksack** consists of a yellow lining and an outer side made of Motif fabric. For the sewing idea you need an Motif fabric and a lining in the dimensions 60 x 32 cm.

For this you need the **Motif fabric** right to right. From the fabric break, measure 30 cm fabric width and 32 cm fabric length and record with approx. 1 cm seam allowance with Tailor chalk . Then the measured piece of fabric is cut. In the same way, cut the **lining** for the inside (piece of fabric in Golden yellow).

Both Fabric cuts are now sewn together at the sides, so that a hose is created in each case. Then the fabrics are ironed so that the seam is in the middle (the right, printed side of the fabric is still inside). Simply sew the pockets at the bottom. Then turn only the outer fabric over and put the inner fabric into them, so that a piece of the edge is sticking out. This edge is turned over twice and stuck to the outer pocket.

Attachment loop for the rucksack cord

From the **golden yellow Cotton fabric** a piece of fabric in the size 20 x 12 cm plus 1 cm seam allowance is cut. The fabric is folded once, sewn together at the sides and turned over. The result is a double layered piece of fabric with an opening in the size 10 x 12 cm. This is now sewn with the closed side of the fabric over a length of 12 cm to the yellow fabric hem of the rucksack.

At the same time, the previously pinned golden yellow edge of the lining fabric is sewn to the outer pocket together with the pinned holder **for the fastening loop** (the Motif fabric is thus piped to the pocket opening).

To allow the padded mouse head to be sewn onto the backpack, a mouse-grey **Fabric cutof** 12 x 9 cm (plus 1 cm seam allowance on the long sides). The piece of fabric is sewn into a 12 cm long tube and ironed so that the seam is in the middle.

The grey piece of fabric is inserted approx. 1 cm into the centre of the opening of the sewn-on golden yellow fastening fabric and sewn on. Both fabrics together are sewn onto the rucksack, directly on the previously created fabric seam on the rucksack hem. When the yellow piece of fabric is sewn with the next seam on Motif fabric , a yellow fastening loop of approx. 12 cm long, approx. 5 cm wide is created, through which the Prym Cord of the rucksack can later be pulled.



Sew mouse head

Download the **motif template "Mouse head"**, cut out a Stencil and use it to draw the mouse shape on double grey Cotton fabric (please allow 1 cm seam allowance).

For the **inner ears** you should draw the oval circles on golden yellow fabric and cut them out without adding seams. These can first be sewn onto one of the "mouse fabrics" with a zig-zag stitch. Fold both mouse shapes inside out and sew them together at the edges to an opening of 6 cm (between the ears)

As soon as the mouse head is turned to the right, it can be stuffed with **cotton wool** . Two glued on **Wobbly eyes**

and a sewn-on pompom **for a nose** complete the mouse. Then the grey loop is placed in the opening of the cloth mouse, sewn and thus closed.

eyelets for rucksack cord and leather strap closure

To ensure that the **eyelets for the Cord-suspension and for the** closure strap are in the correct place, you should first iron the sewn backpack.

In each lower corner of the bag with a distance of approx. 2 cm to the edge of the rucksack an eyelet with a 14 mm disc is placed. The Prym Cord, which serves as a rucksack belt is pulled through the yellow loop, the ends are then pulled through the two lower eyelets. Does the Cord have the correct length so that it can be used as a belt? Then the ends are knotted behind the eyelet and the excess is cut off. The ends of the cords get round end caps to protect them from fraying and as decoration. These caps are quickly fixed with hot glue.

The edge of the bag is provided with 8 mm eyelets at regular intervals (**6 pieces in total)**, approx. 3 cm from edge removed. A leather strap is **pulled** through the eyelets to close the rucksack.

Finally, a small snap fastener is **sewn** onto the mouse head and rucksack. The rucksack is then closed securely and ready for the first use.

Article information:

Article number	Article name	Qty
376570	Cotton fabric "Uni"Golden yellow	1
376174	Cotton fabric "Uni"Mouse Grey	1
362406	Prym Annäh-Push-studs	1
39227314	Prym eyelets and discs, 14 mm	1
39227308	Prym eyelets and discs, 8 mm	1
392587	Prym bag cord, 11 mm, raw white	1
650670	Leather strap, square	1
620789	VBS Wobbly eyes to glue on "Round", 20 mm, 30 pieces	1
652568-77	VBS Pompons, 15 mm, 60 piecesBlack	1