



## MATERIALS:

1 yard ACSH Postcards, Navy  
1/4 yard Pellon Craft Fuse  
4 yards Paracord

## RECOMMENDED TOOLS:

Creative Grids Rulers  
The Big Easy 12-1/2" × 24-1/2" (Item #CGR1224)

*READ THROUGH ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING. USE A 3/8" SEAM ALLOWANCE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.*

## CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

### From ACSH Postcards, Navy:

Cut [1] – 14" × WOF for exterior  
Subcut [2] 14" × 17"

Cut [1] – 14" × WOF for lining  
Subcut [2] 14" × 17"

Cut [1] – 3" × WOF for paracord sleeve  
Subcut [2] – 3" × 15"

Cut [2] – 2-1/2" × 4" for cord tabs

### From Pellon Craft-Fuse:

Cut [2] – 3/4" × 4" for the tabs

### From Paracord:

Cut [2] – pieces 2 yards each

## ASSEMBLY:

### Create the Cord Tabs:

1. Using the 2-1/2" × 4" fabric for the cord tabs, fold in half lengthwise with wrong sides together. Press.
2. Open fabric. First fold one side lengthwise with the raw edge towards the center crease. Press. Repeat for the other side. Result is a 1" × 2-1/2" tab.
3. Open and insert the 3/4" Fusible Interfacing pieces the length of the strap. Press to adhere per product instructions.
4. Topstitch along both outside edges to secure fabric layers. **Optional:** Add additional topstitching.

### Create the Top Paracord Sleeve:

1. Using the 15" × 3" fabric, fold both short ends 1/2" towards the wrong side of the fabric. Press.
2. Repeat one more fold so raw edge is enclosed. Press.
3. Topstitch 3/8" from the edge to secure.
4. Fold fabric in half lengthwise with wrong sides together creating a paracord sleeve. Press. The paracord sleeve measures 13" L × 1-1/2" H.
5. Repeat for the other 15" × 3" fabric creating two paracord sleeves.

### Preparing the Exterior & Interior Fabric:

1. On the bottom corners of both pieces (14" W × 17" H) of exterior fabric and both pieces of the lining fabric, cutout a 1-1/2" square.

### Securing the Cord Tabs:

1. Using one exterior panel (14" W × 17" H) position each cord tab 1" above the square cutout. Fold tab in half so raw edges meet the outside edge of the fabric.
2. Secure in place by stitching 1/8" from the raw edge.

### Securing the Paracord Sleeve:

1. Center the 13" L × 1-1/2" H paracord sleeve at the top of each exterior panel. Place the paracord sleeve so the raw edges meet the top of the exterior panel. The fold will be facing towards the bottom of the exterior panel.
2. Stitch 1/8" along raw edge to secure in place.

### Create the Backpack:

1. Place the lining fabric right sides together with the exterior panel. The paracord sleeve will be inside the two layers. Sew along the top where the paracord sleeve is located. Open and press the seam. Repeat to create a second panel.
2. Place the two panels right sides together matching like fabrics. Halfway down on one side, mark a space to leave open on a panel to use later for turning the fabric. Sew both long sides and bottoms.

3. To create the box corners, match the side seam to the bottom seam on each of the four bottom corners. Sew to secure.
4. Turn the backpack right side out through the opening.
5. Machine or hand stitch the opening closed.
6. Place the lining inside the exterior fabric matching the box corner seams.
7. Clip or pin to secure the top seam fabrics ensuring the seam meets evenly at the top. Topstitch 1/4" from the seam on the exterior fabric.

### **Add Paracord:**

1. Feed paracord thru one side of the sleeve continuing back thru the other sleeve (in a u-shape fashion). Bring one end of the paracord thru the cord tab and tie ends together.
2. Repeat for the other paracord piece starting on the opposite end of the paracord sleeve. Example: If the first paracord creates a U-shape to the right, the second paracord creates a U-shape to the left (in opposite directions). This allows the top to be pulled closed.



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The mother-daughter team - Crystal and teen daughters Brooklynn and Daytonna - thrive when creating together. They enjoy creating quality, easy to follow quilt patterns. DayBrook Designs, and connecting with quilters worldwide through online sewing events at Let's Quilt Along. Inspired by their Nebraska heritage and years spent in Florida, the now South Carolina family offers a variety of styles to their designs. From traditional to modern, or vintage with a flair, the gals are always ready to create something new and exciting to share with you! For inspiration and ideas, follow on Instagram, Facebook, and websites.