

Puppy Backpack



Materials:

I recommend using something around 2.5-3 oz (veg or chrome). Mine has pretty soft temper, I don't think it is critical here.

Waxed thread around 0.8mm thick, that's more of your own choice, that is what I use.

Hardware:

1 x 1" snap hook (I use trigger snap)

2 x 1" buckles

8 x 3/8" grommets (size may vary slightly but you have to adjust the holes)

2 x 1" D-rings

2 x 6" zippers

Rivets

Tools:

Scissors, knife (paper knife or rotary cutter would also work).

Stitching irons: my pattern is made for 5mm stitching irons (5 stitches per inch). If you are willing to use any other size please make sure that the hole count is the same where it has to be the same: the pocket seams, the vertical seams, the bottom and both front and back panels.

Needles - according to your thread size, a pair of saddle needles.

Mallet, grommet setter, rivet setter, hole puncher.

Instructions:

Print the pattern at actual size (100%). Use the reference on top of each page to make sure everything is printed correctly. Join the pages together. Cut the pieces.

Start assembling the pockets: sew zippers under the zipper frames. I use glue, it helps. Sew the pocket front panels and the zipper frames together by joining the outer stitching line of the zipper frames and the curved line of the pocket front panel. Sew the pockets on the front panel (only stitch the curved line, so the zipper frame will be attached to the body, do not stitch sides and bottom: they are sewn with the same seam as the final assembly).

Sew the shackle strap on the front panel. Last couple of holes are not repeated on the front panel because the holes would be in between the other holes. Just wrap the thread around the edge because that will be hidden inside another seam.

Assemble the back panel. I usually recommend stitching the strap reinforcement inside the backpack, but here it doesn't matter as it won't be holding too much weight unless you will carry lead in it. So I use it as an additional decorative element and stitch it on the outside. You will need 4 rivets here. Place the rivet posts in the holes and attach the handle to the top pair of rivets. Then place the D-ring straps with D-rings on all 4 posts. Set the rivets.

Install the grommets, assemble the flap (little strap for the trigger hook is passed in the oblong hole and stitched to the flap underneath). Don't forget to insert the trigger hook. Alternatively you can use any 1" snap. Sew the flap onto the back panel.

Assemble the body. You can go two ways here: you can sew turned version or overlapped version. If you are using thin leather, turned version might be an option. With thicker and/or firmer leather I would recommend the overlapped seams. Start with the bottom, stitch it together with the front panel, the bottom being on top in the seam. You can stitch the back panel with the same thread, in this seam the back panel goes on top of the bottom.

Stitch together the sides of the front and back panels. The back panel in both seams goes on top of the front panel. In between two layers sew in the main buckle holders as illustrated here (if you look at the back panel, the buckles should be facing away from you). When assembling the buckle straps (holders) make sure they are mirrored.

Last small details - make the drawstring stopper, insert the drawstring, insert the shackle (the shackle can be replaced with a small D-ring but make sure you install it when sewing the shackle holder). Make the shoulder straps, attach them to the D-rings, and buckle them up.

I hope you will love your new Puppy backpack. Good luck!

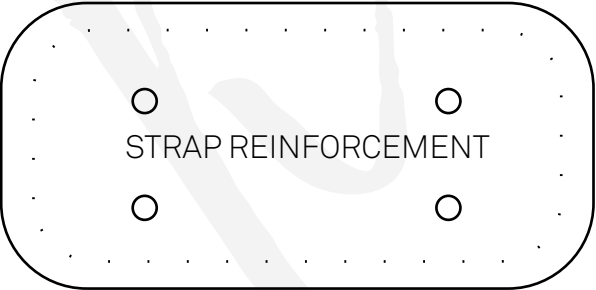
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MAIN FLAP

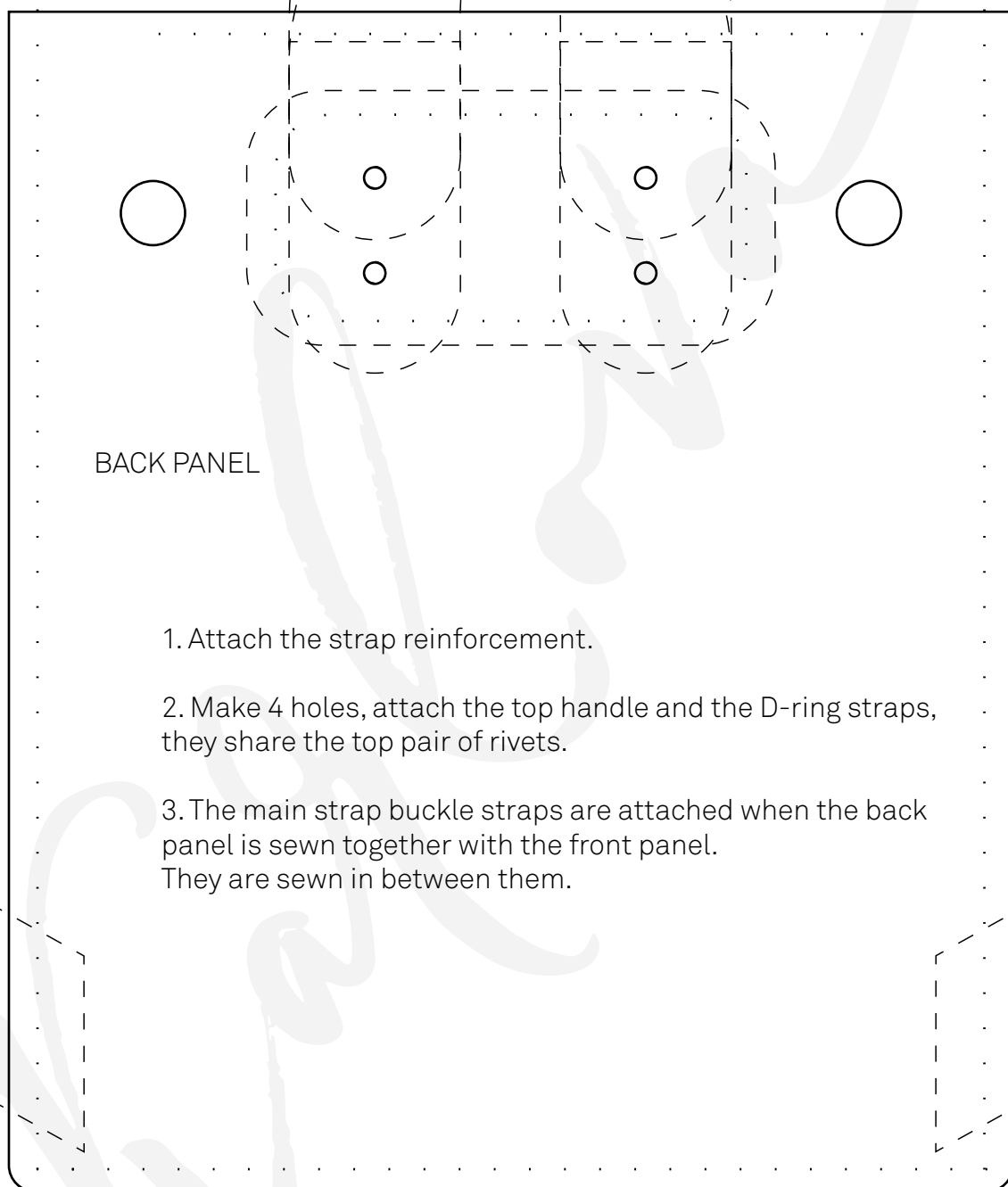
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STRAP REINFORCEMENT



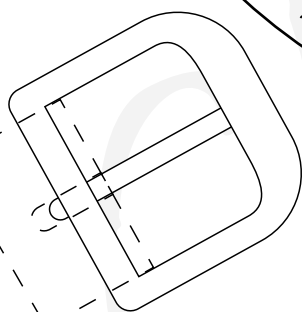
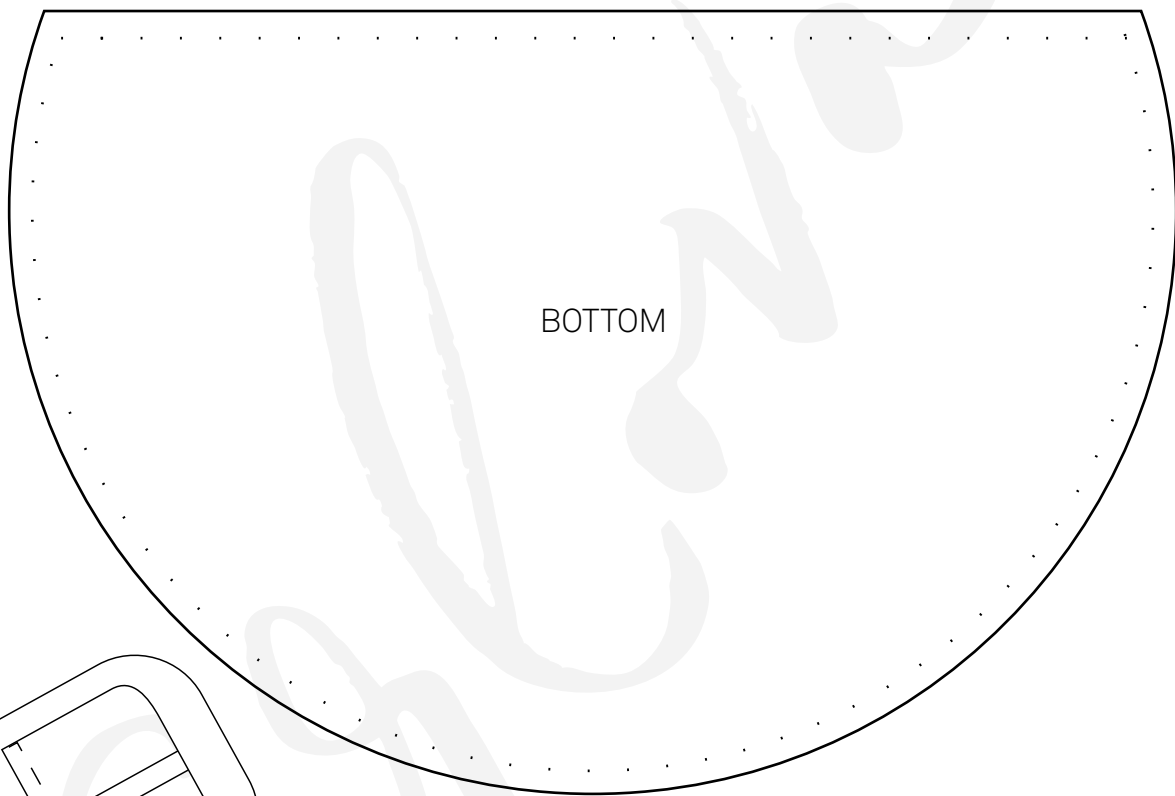
DRAWSTRING
STOPPER



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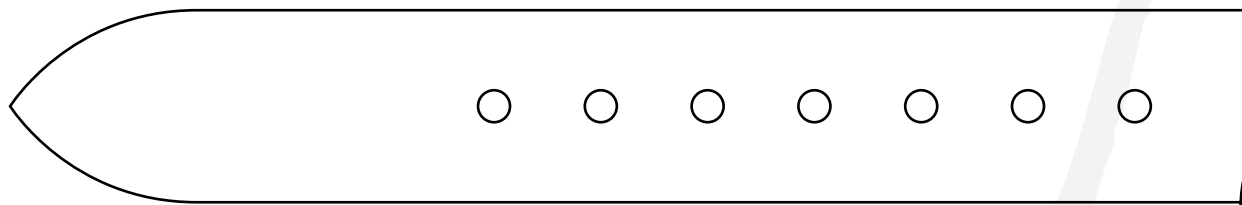
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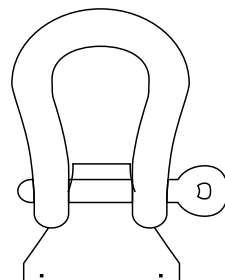
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Make the strap a little longer than you would make it for a regular size backpack because it is tiny. Tiny backpack needs longer straps.



BACKPACK BODY / FRONT PANEL

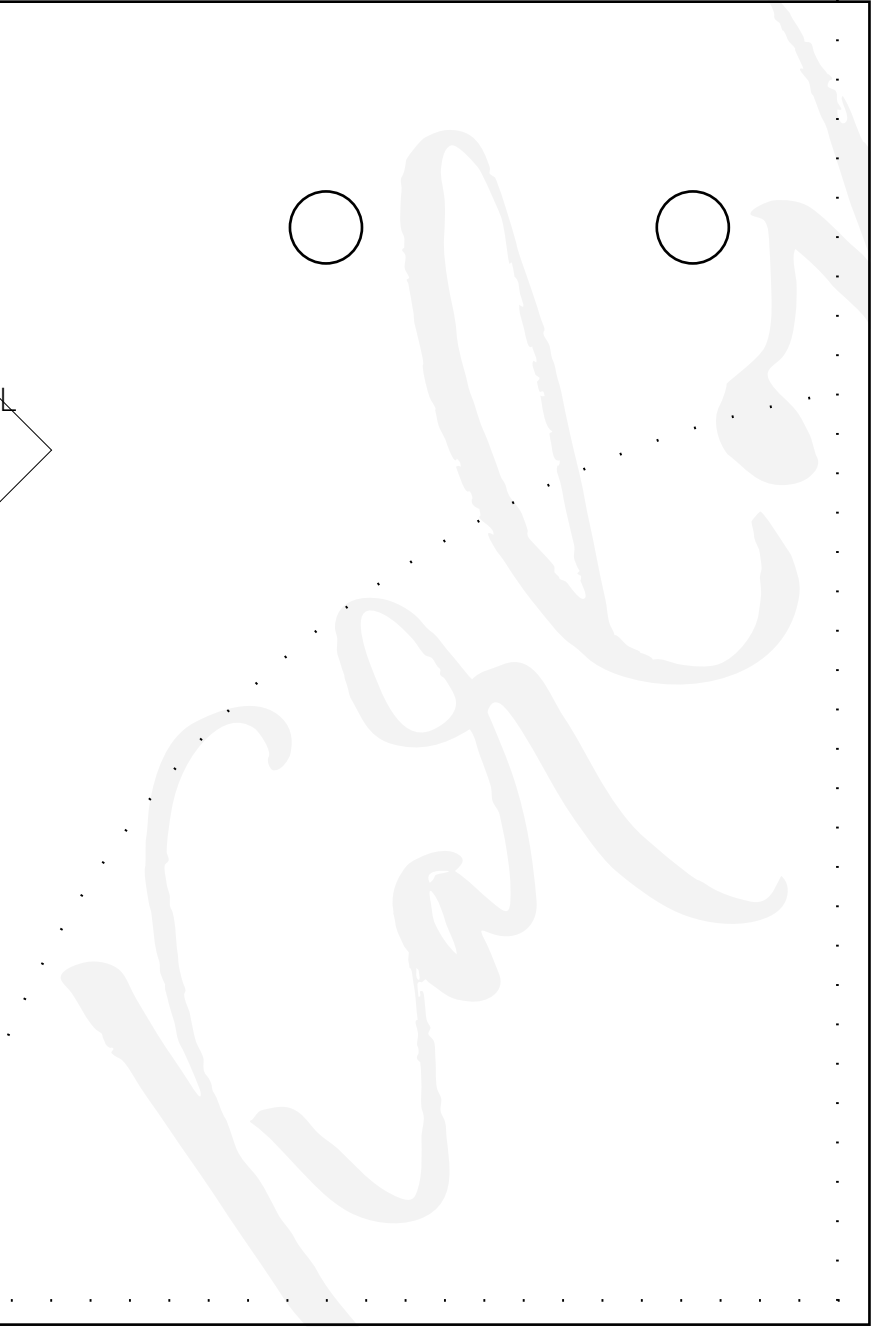
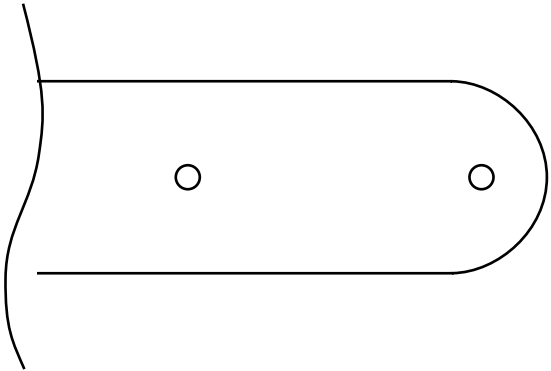


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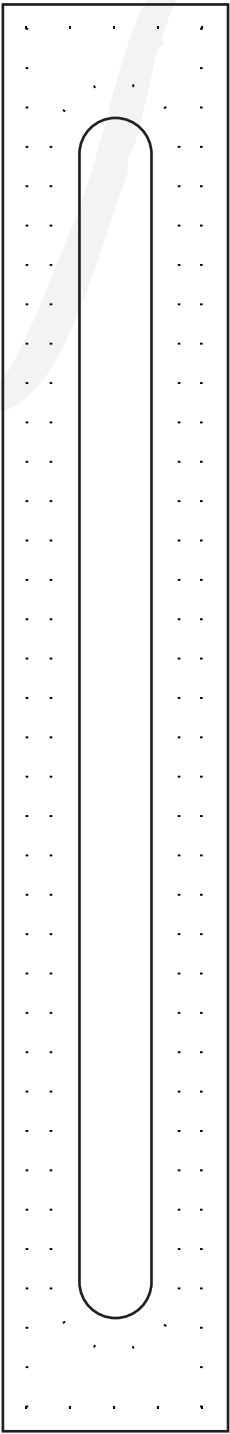
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1in 2in 3in

SHOULDER STRAP,
LENGTH=32-34"



POCKET ZIPPER FRAME X2



0cm 1cm 2cm 3cm 4cm 5cm

B-3

1in 2in 3in

