Snail Backpack

**Sewing Supplies**

- (See cutting instructions)
- 1 zipper, length 6" (15 cm)
- Fiberfill for filling snails head
- Sewing thread
- Sulky 40 wt. Embroidery thread for decorative stitches on the shell
- Husqvarna Viking Tear-Away stabilizer
- Optional:
  - Fasturn (412 55 08-01)

Print out the PDF-file with the pattern for the snail and cut out. 1/4” (6 mm) seam allowance included on all pieces. Tape pattern pieces 5a with 5b and 6a with 6b. Tape pattern piece 8a with 8b together matching the triangle marks on the pattern. Place the straight edge of pattern piece 8a/8b against folded fabric edge.

Cut from pattern pieces

1. Cut 2 pieces of yellow fabric for the sides of the head
2. Cut 1 piece of yellow fabric for the top of the head
3. Cut 2 pieces of flowered fabric for front legs of the snail
4. Cut 2 pieces of flowered fabric for back legs of the snail
5a, 5b Cut 1 piece of red denim for the top of the shell
6a, 6b Cut 2 pieces of beige corduroy for the top sides of the shell
7. Cut 2 pieces of yellow-orange fabric for the sides of the shell
8a,8b Cut 1 complete bottom of the snail (place the dashed line against folded fabric edge)
9. 2 strips, 4” x 22” (10 x 55 cm) for shoulder straps (no pattern)
10. 2 pieces of fabric for the feelers
11. Facing to cover the fiberfilled head inside the backpack.
Sew all seams with 1/4" (6 mm) seam allowance. Clip in the seam allowances in curved seams. Overcast or overlock all pieces. Use matching threads to the fabric as you sew.

Start decorating the shell. Thread with Embroidery thread on top. Select decorative stitches on your sewing machine and stitch on the side pieces (6) of the snails shell. Change thread colors for variation. Put aside.

Cut on the marked opening for the zipper. Fold seam allowance to the inside. Pin the zipper underneath the opening. Snap on Zipper Foot E. Stitch the zipper in place. Set aside.

Rethread with black sewing thread. Snap on presser foot B. Pin a small piece of black fabric as eyes to the side pieces (1) of the head. Select a satin stitch or a narrow zigzag. Stitch all around the sides. Stitch the eyelashes with narrow zigzag. Sew the nostrils with a pictogram stitch or a zigzag stitch. Rethread with white sewing thread. With a pictogram stitch or a dense zigzag, stitch a white dot in the eyes for a lively effect. Rethread with matching sewing thread. Select straight stitch. Snap on presser foot A and stitch the darts.

Sew the head side pieces (1) right sides together from mark to mark as illustrated. Illustration A.

Fold the strips for the feelers (10) lengthwise and stitch the long side and one short side. Use Fasturn and turn right side out. Press. Sew the top part of the head (2) to the sides with the feelers sandwiched in between.

Stitch the front of the bottom piece (8) to the head as illustrated. Illustration B.

Sew the bottom pieces for front legs and back legs to one piece according to the illustration. Illustration C.
Place the stitched bottom piece (3,4) with bottom piece (8) right sides together. Stitch from the inner leg to the neck.

Illustration D.

Stitch all around the sides of the bottom piece leaving gaps in the front and back for the straps.

Illustration E.

Sew the top piece of the shell (5) with the decorated top side piece (6) together. Stitch to side shell piece (7). Clip seam allowance in the curved seam.

Open the zipper. Stitch the shell to the flowered body bottom and neck. Turn the snail through the open zipper.

Fold the strips for shoulder straps lengthwise right sides together and stitch the long side. Turn right side out with Fasturn. Press the seam centered under one side.

Turn under the seam allowance in the leg openings and insert the shoulder straps. Adjust length if necessary. Sew them in place.

Stuff the head firmly with fiberfill. Pin the facing (11) to cover the opening inside the fiberfilled head and slipstitch in place.

Illustration F.