

Making Beanbags

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This project contains patterns for three sizes of beanbags. One beanbag for Florabunda or other 6½" to 9" (17 to 23 cm) small dolls; one beanbag for Kitty or other 18" (46 cm) dolls; and one beanbag for you.

Tools: Scissors and a needle for sure and a thimble and needle threader if you want.



Supplies: Colorful felt, matching or contrasting thread, and dried beans (I like large lima beans because they are so large and it's easier to keep them from leaking out of the bean bag.)

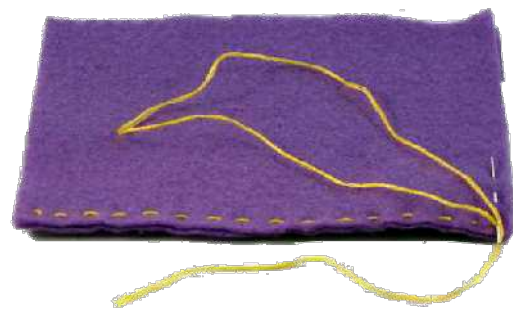


How to Make a Bean Bag:

1. Clip out the beanbag pattern in the size you're going to make. Next cut out two felt rectangles using the pattern.



2. Sew three sides of the felt rectangles with running stitch. If you don't know how to do a running stitch, check the *Florabunda's Sewing Tips* download at <http://www.sherralynsdolls.com>.



3. Measure about ¾ cup (200 ml) of lima beans when making your beanbag.

For Kitty's beanbag use about 2 tablespoons (35 ml). Florabunda's bag holds just one bean.



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I can only fit one bean in my bag!



4. Fill with beans. Sew the fourth side closed



You can do lots of things with bean bags. If you make a lot of bean bags, you can learn to juggle like Florabunda. You can make a target out of a box by cutting a hole in one box side. Try to throw the bean bag through the hole. To play hot potato, sit in a circle with your friends. Have someone play music. Pass the bean bag around the circle while the music is playing. When the music stops, the person holding the bean bag has to leave the circle. The person who never gets stuck holding the bean bag wins.



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