



Lounge Sack

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Stitch a simple beanbag chair to add extra seating in a dorm room or bedroom. A muslin lining keeps the stuffing in place and allows you to remove the chair cover for laundering.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 4 yards of mediumweight print fabric (at least 45" wide)
- 4 yards of 45"-wide muslin
- Two 22" zippers
- Matching all-purpose thread
- Stuffing (Such as styrofoam packing peanuts, polyester fiberfill or recycled foam scraps from cushions)

Use $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

instructions

Download the Beanbag Chair pattern at sewnews.com.

From both the print fabric and the muslin, cut one beanbag top, two beanbag bottoms, four beanbag panels and two 2" x 3" rectangles.

Fold one 2" edge on each 2" x 3" muslin rectangle $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side; press. Position one rectangle folded edge on each end of one zipper. Stitch close to the folds to secure. Stitch slowly or turn the machine wheel by hand when stitching over the zipper teeth to avoid breaking the needle.

Fold the straight edge on each muslin bottom piece $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the wrong side; press. Position one folded edge over one zipper right side close to the zipper teeth; stitch using a zipper foot. Repeat to attach the remaining bottom to the opposite zipper side. Open the zipper halfway; trim the tabs and any excess zipper tape even with the circle edge.

Baste the top and bottom circle perimeters, $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the edge.

With right sides facing, stitch two muslin panels together along one long edge. Repeat to stitch the remaining two panels. Open both sets of panels and place them right sides together. Stitch one side seam.

Open the panels and press each seam allowance to one side. Topstitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the seamline, catching the seam allowance on the wrong side.

With right sides facing, stitch the remaining side seam so the panels form a tube. Press the final seam to one side; topstitch.

Baste each tube upper and lower edge. Clip every 1" around each opening. Turn the beanbag wrong side out.

Right sides facing, pin the beanbag top to the smaller tube opening, aligning the stitching lines. Pull the bobbin thread to slightly gather the opening edge. Repeat to pin and gather the beanbag bottom to the larger tube opening. Stitch each circle perimeter, removing the pins as you sew. Stitch twice for extra security.

Turn the finished muslin beanbag right side out through the zipper opening.

Repeat to stitch the beanbag outer cover.

Insert the muslin lining into the cover. Fill the muslin lining with stuffing; zip it shut. Zip the cover shut. ➤

HANDY HOLDER: Add a pocket to the chair cover to hold remotes, a journal or an iPod.

