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# Lazy Bean Bag

## Instructions

**Step 1:** This bean bag is incredibly easy- it's just a rectangle with the ends twisted in different directions. The size below makes an adult size, but you could easily make a kids 1/2 size using a smaller amount of fabric.

**Step 2:** Fold the fabric (with right sides together) so that both short (selvage) sides meet and secure with a pin.

**Step 3:** Insert\* a zipper at one open end.

**Easy Zipper insertion instructions:** Mark out the section where the zipper is to go. Pinning the beginning and end of the length of the zip. Sew a straight seam in a small stitch, up to the first pin (which marks the beginning of your zip), and then reinforce that ending with a few stitches. Then change to a longer stitch and stitch the length of the zipper (to the next pin). Change back to a small stitch and reinforce the beginning and complete the rest of the seam. Open up the seam and lay the zip where it will go (where the long stitches are), and baste into place with large tacking stitches. Turn the seam right side up and using a zipper foot, topstitch the zip into place. Remove the tacking stitches and carefully rip open the long stitched seam to reveal the zipper.

**Step 4:** Open the zip to make it easy to turn the completed bean bag right side out. Using a small stitch, sew the long side seam and remove safety pin.

**Step 5:** You should now have a long open bag we need to complete the top seam, but to do that we need to fold the top end in half the other way so that the side seam sits in the middle. Lay the bag down flat and grab both sides and bring them together so the side seam meets the middle point opposite. Fold it flat and pin. The seam should now be in the middle of your fabric and the bag should be twisted. Sew the seam shut using a short stitch.

**Step 6:** Turn the bag right side out and fill with beans. Doing this over a bathtub is a great idea as it means any escaped beans are easy to catch.

**Step 7:** Use a needle and thread to overstitch the seams at the beginning and end of the zip to make sure no beans escape and little fingers can grab the zipper pull. If you need to open the bean bag for restuffing at any point, you can undo those stitches easily without weakening the bean bag construction.

## CARE INSTRUCTIONS:

If using blackout curtaining the fabric washable. The bean bag will be surface clean only. You can protect the fabric by spraying it with scotch guard.

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