

Beanbag

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A great kid's first sewing project can be to sew a beanbag. Use your beanbags for a game of toss or a pillow for a Barbie. There are countless ways you can play with them.

You will need:

2- pieces of 4x6 inch material

Beans or rice

Place your two pieces of 4x6 inch material with right sides together.

Example of Right (on bottom) and Wrong (on top) sides of material →



Sew one side to the end, take it off the machine and sew the next side. Don't forget to do your backward stitch after the first few stitches and at the end. (We will learn how to do corners in the next level.) Leave one side open. Stuff the material with beans or rice. Sew the end closed using hand sewing.



For a smaller size bean bag (like the bean bag picture on the end) cut out squares 4x4 inches. Then follow the directions above.

Tie Belt

Tie

2 key rings or belt rings

Measure your waist and add 10 inches. This will be the length of the belt. Starting at the skinny end of the tie, measure the length determined. Cut to the correct length. Sew cut edges together. Slide the same end in the 2 rings, fold over and sew in place. Easy as a tie, I mean pie!



On a piece of scrap material practice making 90 degree angles. Sew along the side to the corner. Instead of finishing each side to the end and taking it off the machine as we did in previous lessons, leave your thread in the material, needle down, lift up your presser foot and turn your material 90 degrees.



Put your presser foot down and continue on until you reach the end. Go back and try some of these previous kids sewing projects from Level 1 such as a pillowcase, pillow, or beanbag. Sew the corners as stated above. You can also do one of the following kids sewing project found after the Level 3 lesson plans.

**Triangle Patchwork Pillow
Pillow with a Tie Front**

☺ Tip: Work toward using the presser foot as your guide, this will keep you going straight when sewing corners and curves.

Lesson 6-Basting

Basting is a very basic stitch and really should be what the kids start with on the machine. It's just the longest stitch length that your machine will do. Patterns tell you to baste stitch something mostly as a guide and then you can pull it out later. On a scrap material sew a basting stitch, check your sewing manual if you aren't sure how to change the stitch length. Sew different stitch lengths and compare the difference.

Lesson 7- Changing a Needle

Learn how to change a sewing needle and choose a sewing needle. Most machines are the same in regards to changing a sewing needle. Check your sewing machine manual. Turn off your machine when changing your needle.



Take out your needle.

Replace the needle with the flat side toward the back. Different needles are used for different types of materials such as lightweight or heavier fabrics. Read your needle package for the correct size needle.

