



Instructions for Easy Poekie Bean Bag (Big and Small)*

(Time to complete: about half an hour)

Materials needed:

- Paper for your printer
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Fabric
- Marker or pen for tracing
- Pin
- Needle
- Thread
- Pellets for Stuffing
- Two buttons

How to make it:

For an experienced Poekie maker, this is easy. After printing and cutting the pattern,^{*2} just follow the usual steps:

- Place the pattern on an edge on the wrong side of your fabric.^{*3}
- Trace around the pattern.^{*4}
- Cut ON the lines you traced.
- Repeat the tracing and cutting so that you have two fabric pieces.
- Put the two pieces exactly on top of each other with the right sides together (marker-lines are on the outside), and stick a pin in it.
- Get a needle and thread^{*5} and tie a knot at the end.^{*7}
- Sew back-stitch^{*6} along the dotted line almost all the way around, as marked on the pattern.
- Tie a knot when you get to the end of the line.
- Turn the bean bag inside out.
- Stuff it through the hole with pellets (or lentils/rice).^{*9} Don't stuff it too much, or your Poekies will think they're sitting on a rock!
- Whip-stitch the hole closed.
- Sew a button in the center of the circle,^{*8} start with one and stick through the bag so you come out in the center of the circle on the other side. Attach a button there. Go a few times up and down through the bean bag and buttons, pulling your thread really tight so that the bag gets a dimple in the middle.
- Tie off thread under one of the buttons, and you're done!

I can't wait to see what you've made at home and let me know if any part of these instructions is confusing!

With love from the Poekies,

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* For children age 8 and up, with parental guidance.

Warning: 1. Pins and needles' mission in life is to poke, and scissors only know how to cut. You must be careful and make sure that they poke and cut only the things that you want them to! 2. None of the materials used belong in a person's mouth, so be careful when you make this while little children are around you.

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