

Bento Bag for Yarn

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About:

The Bento Bag with snap top is perfect for holding one ball of yarn and keeping it in place! No more yarn rolling across the floor. You can tuck it in a project bag or use two for colorwork projects to keep them separated. These are also great to keep handspun yarn protected. Knit or crochet directly from the snap bag.

Finished measurement:

Approximately 6" all around

Supplies needed:

Fat Quarter friendly using quilting cotton or lightweight canvas fabric
Lining can be lightweight solid cotton fabric
KAM snaps and setting tool
1/4" foot
ruler
Frixion pen or marking chalk

Cutting:

Cut your outer fabric and your lining fabric 17.5" wide by 6.5" tall

Instructions:

Fold outer fabric in thirds, right sides together. Unfold one, sew 1/4" seam. Flip so that your seam is now on the top, fold one corner in, pin and sew second seam being careful not to catch your fabric flap in your seam.

Repeat these same 2 steps with your lining fabric.

Photo 1 shows seam on bottom.

Photo 2 shows fabric now turned so the seam you have just sewn is now on the top, and your corner is turned up at the bottom.

Photo 3 shows where you are preparing to sew the bottom seam keeping the folded part out of the way.

Photo 4 shows that you are ready to sew the bottom seam.



Use a marking pen or chalk to "box" off 3 inches of each sewn/folded corner. DO NOT include the 1/4" seam allowance in this 3 inch measurement. You will do this to two corners on your outer fabric and two corners on your lining fabric.



Sew directly on the marked line being sure to back stitch at the beginning and the end of your stitching.

Trim off corners. Press seams lightly to remove markings and to set your seams.

Photo is outer fabric with corners now trimmed.



Turn outer bag right side out. Set this piece into the lining so that right sides are together. Match up points and pin all the way around.

Sew using a 1/4" seam leaving a 2" opening on one side (don't leave your opening too close to the top point, usually 2" down is a good place).

Check your seams to be sure that you have caught the outer and the lining in the "V" part of your seam.

Trim points and any excess fabric at the “V” seams.

Turn right side out through the opening and carefully push out points.

Pin if needed and press. Top stitch with a longer stitch length all the way around being sure to close the opening you left for turning.



Press and flatten the bag matching up the top points. Using the sharp pointed tool that comes with the KAM Snaps kit make a tiny hole through all layers approximately 1” down from the top point.

Use KAM snaps tool to place a snap on each side.

Congratulations! You now have an awesome yarn ball holder – make lots of them!



EXTRA:

Now that you have the folding and sewing part down pat to make a Bento Yarn Bag, you can modify this to make a large Bento Bag to hold your lunch or knitting project. These do not use a snap, they just tie at the top.

To make the larger bag, cut your outer and lining fabrics to 11" tall by 33" wide. Use the same folding and sewing method using a 1/4" seam. The difference here is that you will "box" your corners by 5"

Basically the width of the fabric is 3 times the height of your fabric. You can use this formula to make different size bags by just modifying the amount you sew and cut off in the corners.

I hope you enjoyed making the Bento Bags to hold your yarn. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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