



# Saree to Bean Bag

*In this tutorial we will be creating a bean bag from scratch*



## Material Required

An old saree or a 3-meter piece fabric of your liking  
A 3 meter lining fabric with a width of 45"

Chalk

Scissors

A 10" zipper

The Usha Janome Zipper Foot

3 kgs of bean bag filler

Matching thread

Pins

Lets begin

Fold the saree right side facing the right side. Do this both lengthwise and widthwise. We have created a template for the ease of cutting. Place the template on the fabric. As you see we have the folds at the bottom and the right side. Align the template to the folds.

Pin the template in position using beaded pins. Make sure all the layers of fabric are pinned together. Here are the measurements of the template. Take a piece of chalk and trace out the template onto the saree. Unpin the template and keep it aside. With a pair of scissors cut the fabric on the marked lines. Make sure you do it with a steady hand. This is how the fabric looks after cutting. Right side facing the right side.

Now to the lining fabric. Cut the lining just like the saree fabric. So we have two distinct pieces of fabric. Open the fold of the lining fabric and place the folded saree fabric inside it. As you can see in the tutorial we have 4 distinct layers of the fabric.

Pin the longer sides of the fabric as shown. Make sure the pins go through all the layers of the fabric. Repeat the same for the other side. These will be our first stitch lines.





Take the fabric to your Usha Janome Wonder Stitch Plus sewing machine. Align the fabric under the presser foot. Set the stitch selector dial to A and stitch length to 2.5. Begin sewing from the open end. Remember to use the reverse stitch selector at the beginning to secure the stitches. Make sure all 4 layers of fabric are aligned. Go all across the length of the fabric till you reach the bottom fold. Lift the presser foot and cut off the thread.



Repeat the same process on the other side of the fabric. Make sure all 4 fabrics are aligned together and use a steady hand to do a perfectly straight stitch.



We now need to do zig-zag stitches on the edges to give it a neater finish. Align the stitched fabric under the presser foot. Set the pattern selector dial to C for zig zag stitches and the stitch length to 3. Begin at the top opening and go all across the length till you reach the bottom of the bag. Cut the thread. Repeat the same zig-zag process on the other side of the bag. This is how your stitches should look.

Let's work on the open end. Fold the fabric in such a way that the stitched seams match each other like shown in the tutorial. Pin at this point and all across the open ends. Now turn the entire bean bag upside down.

Take the zipper. Place the center of the zipper on the seam line. With a piece of chalk mark the two ends of the zipper as shown.

We now need to stitch from the marked points towards the edges. Make sure you keep the center portion open.

Align the fabric under the presser foot. Set the stitch selector dial to A and the stitch length to 2.5. Begin sewing from the folds towards the seam. Use the reverse stitch selector to secure the stitches. Stop at the zipper marking and do a reverse stitch. Repeat the same process on the other side. Stitch from the marking towards the fold. Once done, open the extra fabric beyond the stitch line. We will do a zig zag stitch on both these sides of the seam allowance individually to avoid fraying. Align one side of the fabric under the presser foot, right side facing you. Set the stitch selector dial to C and stitch length to 3. Begin sewing go all across from fold to fold. Repeat the same zig zag stitches on the other side from fold to fold. This is how your stitches should look.





Lets attach the zipper now. Open the gap that we had kept for the zipper. Take the zipper and keep the right side of the zipper facing the right side of the fabric as shown. Pin the bottom of the zipper to the bottom and the top of the zipper to the top fabric. One side of the zipper is attached to the one side of the opening and the other side of the zipper is attached to the other side of the opening



Change the normal presser foot with the Usha Janome Zipper foot. Open the zip a little. Align the zipper under the presser foot as shown. Set the Pattern Selector dial to A and Stitch length to 2.5. Start sewing and go till the end of the zipper. Cut the extra thread and repeat the same process on the other side of the zipper.



And you are done. Turn the bean bag using the zipper opening. Fill in the beans which you can easily purchase online or a store near you. Close the zip and done!

Invite some friends over and show off your new piece of furniture. Upscale your living room, bedroom or even your study. Hope you liked this DIY Saree to Bean bag project.

