

A Beanbag Tip – Jill Wilson

Inspired by David Jenkins' article in the last Newsletter, we decided to make a beanbag with a zipper. A day or so later I was doing the regular hunter-gathering in Woolworths when I spotted a 5kg bag of Riviana Basmati rice for \$9.50. It is a cotton cloth bag 26 × 39 cm, with a zipper across the top and simple stitching below that. There are also straps for carrying it (not that one would want to carry it far).

Based on David's article we thought it probably had a bit too much rice filling. After a short field trial, I undid the top stitching and removed about 700g of rice. This works quite well, but if future use suggests more or less rice is needed then the amount can be easily adjusted.

I have taken the precaution of stitching the zipper tag to the cloth so that it can't work its way undone and allow the rice to spill.

This bag isn't waterproof, but the rice can be replaced when it's 'over the hill', the bag can be emptied for washing or travel. It was cheap, and it was certainly a lot easier to buy than to make one.

