Have fun this summer by stitching a game! Make your own beanbags and a drawstring game bag to store and carry them in. This project is perfect for a beginner.

**Supplies:**

Baby Lock Sewing Machine  
Baby Lock Serger  
1 – 4” X 18” piece of denim fabric  
1 – 6” X 18” piece of fiber glass screen or screen fabric  
1 – 6” diameter circle of fiberglass screen or screen fabric  
2 – 4” X 4” red fabric (works best on a fabric without stretch)  
2 – 4” X 4” blue fabric  
2 – 4” X 4” yellow fabric  
28”of drawstring cord  
4 spools Maxi-Lock thread  
1 – Spool of All Purpose Thread  
1 – Cord stop
Rotary cutter, mat & ruler
1 – Hand Sewing Needle
Pins
Poly-Pellets®
1 – 3 piece box of Sidewalk Chalk

Instructions:

Machine Set Up:
Serger: Four-thread stitch
Machine: Straight stitch

Directions for making the Drawstring Bag:
1. Using a serger, edge finish one of the 18” edges of the denim fabric.
2. Fold this edge down 1” towards the wrong side. Using the machine and a straight stitch, sew along the edge of the serger stitches. This will form the drawstring casing.
3. With right sides together, serge the other 18” edge of the denim to one edge of the screen fabric.
4. With right sides together align the sides. Serge together starting on the screen end and stopping 1” from the end of the denim.
5. Using pins fit the bottom edge of the screen to the 6” diameter circle.
6. Baste the screen to the circle using the machine, removing the pins as you sew.
7. Once the bag bottom is basted, serge to secure the bag bottom in place.
8. Thread the drawstring cord through the casing. Pull both cord ends through the cord stop.
9. Open the bag completely and tie the cord ends into a knot.

Directions for making 3 Beanbags:
1. Place 2 of the 4” fabric squares right sides together. Using a ¼” seam allowance stitch around the squares leaving approximately ½” – 1” opening for Stuffing.
2. Turn the square right side out. Repeat this step with the remaining 4” fabric squares yielding three beanbags ready for stuffing.
3. Use the Poly-Pellets® to firmly stuff each of the beanbags. With thread and a hand-sewing needle, stitch the opening of the beanbag closed.
4. Place the beanbags and chalk into the drawstring bag and you’re ready to play!
Sidewalk Games

Tic-Tac-Toe Toss

Supplies:
Bean Bag
Chalk
2 Players

1. Draw a large box on the pavement and a tic-tac-toe grid inside of it.

2. The first player attempts to toss a beanbag into one of the squares. If the player succeeds, they mark the space with an X using a piece of chalk. A beanbag that lands on any of the lines is considered a miss. Then, the other player attempts to earn a square, marking it with an O.

3. The first player to get 3 X’s or O’s in a row wins!
Hopscotch

Supplies:
- Bean Bag
- Chalk
- 2 Players

1. Each player has a beanbag. The first player throws their beanbag into box 1 and then hops into 2 and 3, making sure not to step into box 1.
2. The player then jumps into boxes 4 and 5 with one foot in each box at the same time. The player then hops into box 6 and then into boxes 7 and 8 with one foot in each box.
3. Player turns around and returns in reverse order to box 2. Continue the turn by balancing on one foot and bending forward, collect the beanbag and jump out.
4. The player then throws the beanbag into box 2 and continues the turn unless they miss, in which case they must return the beanbag to box 1 and the next player takes a turn. The game continues like this until a beanbag has advanced one space each time, reached box 8, and returned in reverse order to box 1. The first player to finish is the winner.

⇔ Miss a turn if you step on a line, your beanbag lands on a line, you play out of turn, you lose your balance and your other foot touches the ground
⇔ Begin each turn where you missed before. The winner is the first player to complete the whole game, after everyone has had a turn.

Heart Break

Supplies:
- Bean Bag
- Chalk
- 2 Players
1. Chalk out a big heart and then fill it up with lots of small hearts. Write, "he loves me" in half of the hearts and "he loves me not" in the other half. Draw a baseline and start the heartbreak!

2. Take turns tossing a beanbag into the heart from the baseline. When your beanbag lands on a small heart, mark it with your initials. Continue until all hearts are taken.

3. Each player adds up the "loves me's" and subtracts the number of "loves me not's." The player with the most "loves me’s" left wins! 

Penalties:
Lose a turn if your beanbag lands on another player’s claimed heart. The toss doesn’t count if it lands less than halfway over the line into the heart shape.

Variations:
Instead of "love me's," write in the names or initials of boys or girls and whomever collects the most hearts wins!

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**Stake Out**

**Supplies:**
Bean Bag
Chalk
2 Players

1. Draw a house with windows and doors. Draw several areas to capture, windows, doors, and a chimney. Draw a baseline about 5 feet away (for younger children 4 feet away).

2. Take turns tossing a beanbag onto the house. When a beanbag lands in a section that can be captured (like a door or window) mark the capture with initials. After all the sections are captured, each player counts up his Stakeouts. The player with the most Stakeouts wins!

Penalties:
Lose a turn if your beanbag lands on another player’s Stakeout. The toss doesn’t count if it lands less than halfway over the line.

Variations:
Try tossing the beanbag off the toe or the back of the hand

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