



Hooked on Scouting – Fish Bean Bags Leader Resource Sheet

Introduction

Bean bags are a versatile tool to have in your Scout fun kit, whether you need a quick gathering activity, an emergency game, or in this case, to prepare for a fish-themed join scout night!

Making the Fish Bean Bags

These fish are not hard to make. The directions below are simplified for experienced crafters. Please watch the video for detailed instructions.

[Video Link](#)

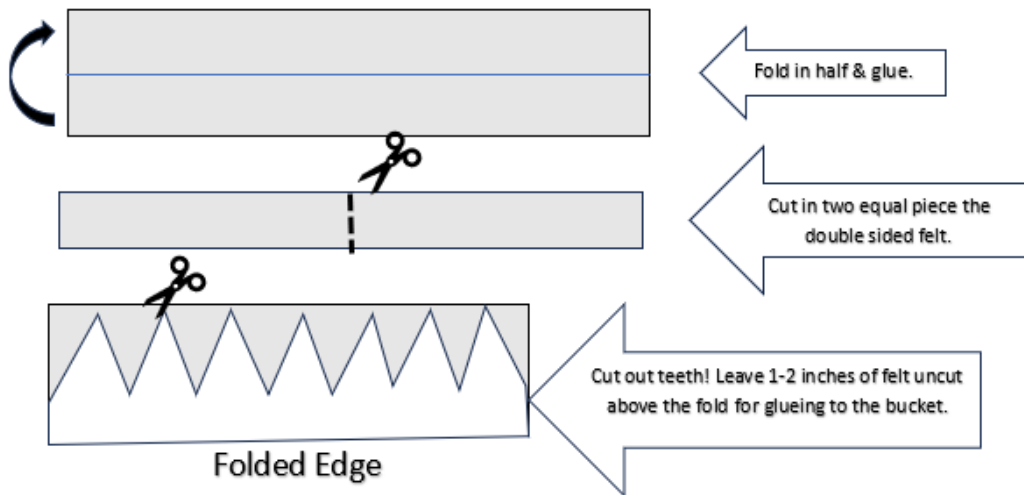
Bean Bag Fish

- **Materials**
 - Printed Scout Law Fish Fabric available from Spoonflower.*
 - Cost per yard - \$22
 - The directions for ordering the Scout Law Fish fabric and the images of the two available fish yardages are in [this share drive](#).
 - Basic Sewing Supplies (fabric scissors, sewing machine, white thread, pins, needle for hand sewing).
 - White rice (or other preferred small filling material)
- **Note**
 - Pins work, but if you have craft magnets, those are handy. The ones in the video are from Sew Tites company. <https://www.sewtites.com/>
- **Directions**
 - Cut fish apart, leaving as much fabric as possible around the outside.
 - Right sides together, match fish. Use pin matching or Sew Tites as shown in video.
 - Sew about ½ inch around fish, leaving an opening to turn.
 - Turn fish. Push out fins and seams with blunt stick (chopstick shown in video).
 - Fill fish with rice.
 - Pin opening closed & hand stitch to close.

Shark Bucket

- **Materials**
 - Bucket, any size will work!
 - White felt approximately 8” wide by the circumference of the bucket.
 - Hot Glue or use fabric adhesive to make double layer of the felt. See diagram below.

- Directions
 - Fold the felt lengthwise to make a double layer. Adhere the two layers with glue or preferred fabric adhesive interfacing.
 - Cut into two equal pieces for the top and bottom shark jaw.
 - Use scissors or rotary cutter to cut teeth.
 - Adhere the teeth to the inside of the bucket using hot glue gun.



Fish Bean Bag Games

Use Fish Scout Law Bean Bags to play a variety of games such as ice breakers, learning the scout law, or team competition.

- **"Call Out" or "Zulu Toss"** - Stand in circle. Decide the toss pattern which allows everyone to toss to someone across from them. The easiest way to start the game is using first names, and one bean bag. The thrower says the name of the person you are tossing to. That person catches it, and then says the name of the person they are tossing to, until you are back to the start, and everyone has thrown and caught the fish. Once they can get the fish around the circle, add another fish so that two are being tossed in the same pattern. Besides names, you can do other callouts like favorite ice-cream, favorite color, or favorite fish! The highest level of play is to have each player start with a bean bag, so everyone is throwing and catching simultaneously. See how many bean bags can stay circulating!
- **Row, Row, Row Your Boat Fish Toss** - Each scout starts with a fish. Sing Row, Row, Row Your Boat (or another favorite song) while tossing fish to the left (or right) around the circle. This is more challenging than you might imagine as you are throwing, catching, and singing. When the song ends, then take turns throwing the fish in the shark bucket in Scout Law Order or have everyone toss their fish in the bucket as fast as possible.
- **Net Catch Fish Team Game** – Besides Fish bean bags, you need two fishing nets or containers (buckets) for this game. Each team needs a net or bucket. Divide youth into two or more teams. Divide the bean bags into equal piles for each team. One person from each team has the net.

Scouts take turns throwing fish into the net. The team with the most fish in their net at the end of the relay wins.

* Fish Creatives

The Bean Bag activity uses a special material created just for the Hooked on Scouting recruiting drive. Here is a bit of background about this commissioned resource.

Fish Fabric – Artist Lane Eubanks

Lane was commissioned to design the fish fabrics, fish poster, and the rope drop game sheet. He is a graduated Venture Scout (Silver Award), EMT, and active in Wilderness First Aid as Moulage Director.

Fish Fabrics:

Two fabrics are part of the Hooked on Scouting materials. The **Scout Law Fabric** is used to make the bean bags and the magnetic fish for the Catch and Release game. Each yard of fabric has two sets of fish, so you can make one set of bean bags and one of magnetic fish for about \$22/yard depending on the choice of fabric. We used the cotton. The **Big Fish Fabric** has our five favorite fish (Brook Trout, Kokanee Salmon, Northern Pike, Chanel Catfish, Cutthroat Trout) suitable for stuffing. As shown in the Big Fish Fun instruction video, you can print this yardage on cotton or Minky.

Spoonflower is a company that prints fabric on demand. You order exactly the type of fabric and pattern you want, and the fabric is printed. This will take about 10 days. The directions for ordering the fabric and the images of the two available yardages are in [this share drive](#). No artist fee is attached to the fabric, so you are only paying the direct print cost to Spoonflower.