

# DIY Pattern weights

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Pattern weights are super handy to keep pattern paper in place, for example when you draw a pattern or want to cut pattern pieces from fabric. I always used pins but since I got these pattern weights I only use 2 pins. I use these 2 pins to lay the pattern piece straight of grain and keep it straight and I also use the pattern weights. What time I save with that!

I used a scrap of linen. But you can also take cotton. Make sure you don't take stretchy fabric, otherwise it doesn't really matter.

I chose the triangles instead of rectangles or squares. With this I can place the pattern weights nicely in the corners of the pattern, also suitable for the smaller pattern parts.

I use rice for the filling, but you can also use aquarium sand, deco sand, seeds or dried beans.



## Materials

- leftover cotton or linen
- rice or other filling
- funnel of piece of paper
- spoon
- matching thread
- pins and/or quilt clips
- pencil or fabric marker
- ruler of triangle

## Pattern

I have decided to use this size: 6 cm x 12 cm.

You can also choose to take a larger size 8 cm x 16 cm or 10 cm x 20 cm.

Draw a 6 cm x 12 cm rectangle on paper or cardboard. This includes 0.5 cm seam allowance all around.

## Instructions

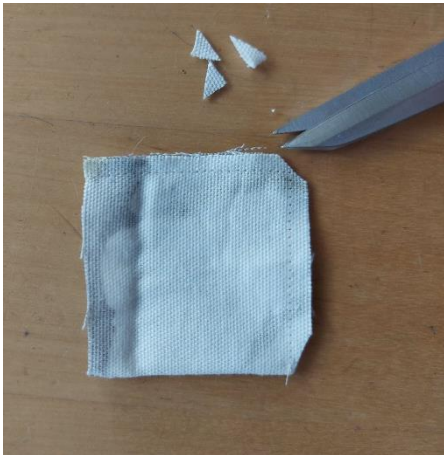
**Step 1:** Cut out a number of rectangles from the 6 by 12 cm fabric.



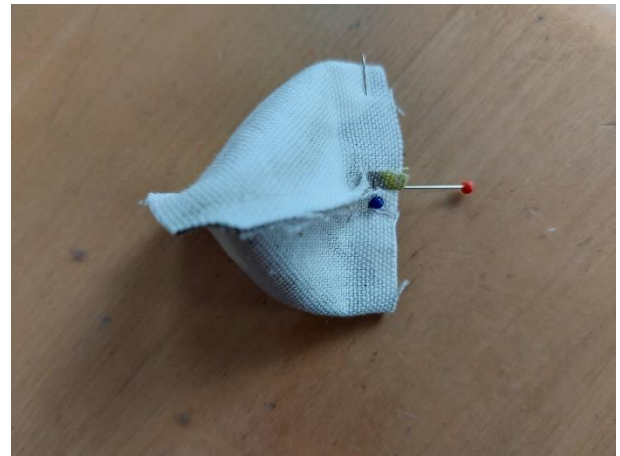
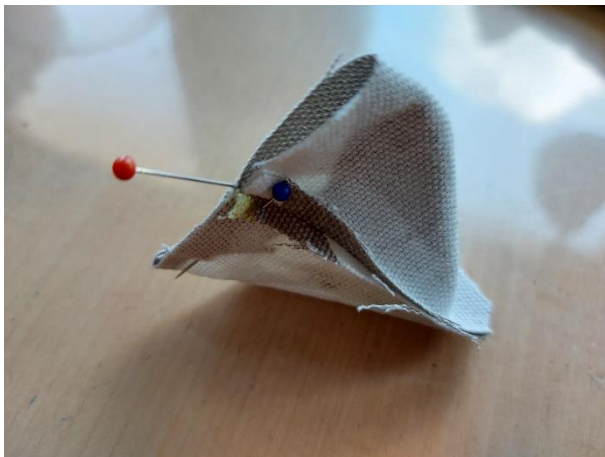
**Step 2:** Fold in half, pin and stitch two sides at 0.5 cm (side of foot).



**Step 3:** Cut the corner diagonally. Mark the fold with a pin.



**Step 4:** Fold the seam towards the pin and pin and stitch the seam. Leave a piece of about 3 cm open to turn.



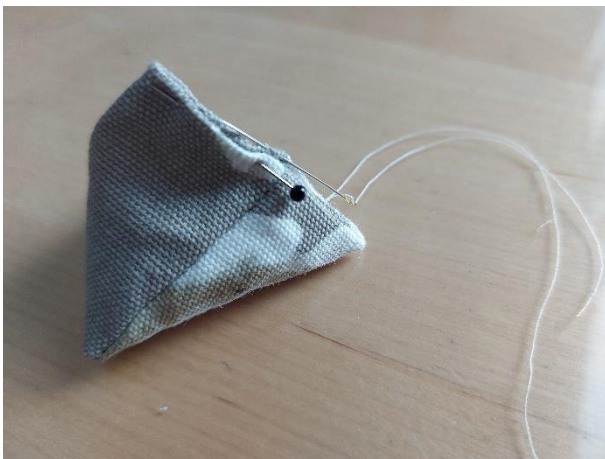
**Step 5:** Turn the pattern weight right side out. Use scissors or pencil to push out the corners nicely.



**Step 6:** Take the funnel and add rice. You can also roll up a piece of paper and use it as a funnel, it works just as well. Fill the bags with rice until about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.



**Step 7:** Sew the hole closed with an invisible stitch. You insert the needle into the fabric fold and pull the thread through. Then you go to the other side of the fabric fold and do exactly the same. Make small stitches until the opening is completely closed. Then go through the same loop twice with your hook and pull the yarn tight. Now you have made a knot in it and you can cut the thread.



The pattern weight is ready for use.



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