



Cotton &amp; Cloud

[Contact Us](#) | [My Account](#) | [Wish Lists](#) | [Cart is Empty](#)

Unique Knits – Timeless Style

[Tools](#) | [Knitting Patterns](#) | [About](#) | [Blog](#) | [Portfolio](#)

Search the shop



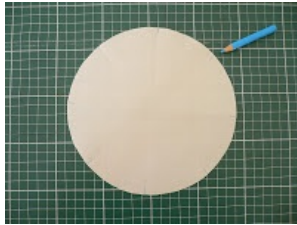
## How To Sew a Circular Bottom Neatly.

May 13th, 2008

Round bottom is a nice feature not only for bag bottom but also for a cylindrical pouches and bags. Here is how!

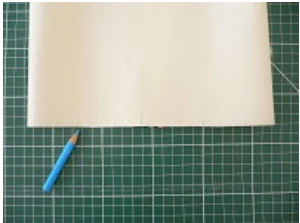


Step 1. Make a card board template for a half circle. Make sure that you do this very neatly. Fold the fabric in half, secure it with pins. Draw the half circle with the fold as the diameter.

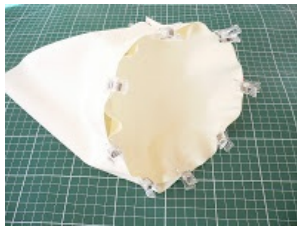


Step 2. Cut the half circle along the line you have just drawn. Open it flat. Divide the circle in 8 place markings. There will be eight markings equidistant to each other at the rim of the circle (see picture).

**Step 3.** The with of the fabric for the side part is determined by the [circumference formula](#). Make sure that the diameter  $d$ , is the actual diameter of the template circle minus 2cm (1cm seam allowance). [You would most likely to get a value with lots of decimal places, so to make your life simple round the number to the nearest whole or 1 decimal number](#). When you know the circumference add 2cm for the seams (1cm seam allowance again). You would then cut one sheet of fabric with the width calculated and height of your preference.



Step 4. Sew the seams and fold the piece in 8 equal parts and mark the position. You should now have 8 markings (including one sewn section) equidistant to each other.



Step 5. Match the markings on the circle and the side parts and secure it with pins or clips.



Step 6. Sew the edges around the circle. Make small notches on the side panel fabric to ensure the markings are kept matched as the fabric would feel stretched.



Step 7. Cut the seam off to 5mm.

Step 8. For pouches that are going to be used for the exterior part, once the work is turned right side iron the sewn edges in for gently place the edge of the steam iron for 1-2 seconds to tidy it.



Here is what I made earlier!



25 comments

Responses to How To Sew a Circular Bottom Neatly.

1. K&S City Girl 05/14/08 at 12:05 pm

Thanks for the tutorial. Im currently learning to sew and can only sew straight lines. This tutorial is very usefu.

Mary

[Reply](#)

2. mia 05/14/08 at 9:22 pm

Im gonna have to try this Looks so simple, but Im sure it will take some practice for me to get your perfect results!  
I love your tutorials.

[Reply](#)

3. Kyoko 05/14/08 at 10:20 pm

Hello Mary,

I am so happy that you found my tutorial useful. ðŸ™, Once you get the circumference and the width of the fabric correct you have done half of your work. Good luck!

[Reply](#)

4. Kyoko 05/14/08 at 10:22 pm

Hey Mia,

Thank you for your comment! Only when I am tired or rushed I dont get a really good finish. It is really simple honestly! ðŸ~%

[Reply](#)

5. Judy 05/16/08 at 3:35 pm

Good tutorial on circular bag bottoms. I found that once the circle was cut out, an easy way to divide it into 8 was to fold it in half, then in half again, and then one more time. If you then pinch the outer edges of the pie-slice that results, you have 8 little equally spaced marks when you open it out. By the way, I bought two of your little key-chain pouches from your Etsy shop and they are great!! I love your fabrics.

[Reply](#)

6. Kyoko 05/16/08 at 4:04 pm

Hey Judy!

Thank you very much for your comment!! Folding the circle as you explained is exactly what I wanted to say but couldn't figure out how to say it, so thank you!

Reply

7. Joleo 05/17/08 at 10:55 am  
ãf,,ãf~ãfãã,ããfãã~ãããã"ã,,i¼

please excuse my Japanese ðŸ™, I've never dared make anything with a circular bottom so I'll have to try now.

Reply

8. Kyoko 05/17/08 at 8:50 pm  
ã"ã,"ããããã~i¼ãã,ããfããfããf~ãã,ãããããã"ã+ãã€,  
Definitely try circular bottom. Once you know how to do it, you can do oval and all the other curved shapes!

Reply

9. Karen 05/18/08 at 8:11 pm  
Wonderful! I know where to come for instructions to extend my limited sewing skills.

Reply

10. Kyoko 05/19/08 at 7:38 am  
Hello Karen,  
  
I self-taught a lot of sewing technique. Just over a year ago, I was scared to do a circular sewing. But I realized that it wasn't as complicated!

Reply

11. two hippos 05/19/08 at 10:36 pm  
What a brilliant tutorial, thanks.

Reply

12. jo 05/20/08 at 7:25 am  
Found your tutorial through U-handbag. Will have a go at this you make it sound so simple.

Reply

13. Kyoko 05/20/08 at 9:21 pm  
Hi Two Hippos! Thanks for your comment! ðŸ™€

Reply

14. Kyoko 05/20/08 at 9:25 pm  
Hi Jo!  
The very first time I did a circular bottom, I was really scared. But as long as you get the following three points right; 1) get a good circle, 2) mark evenly (comment by Judy is very helpful) and 3) get the side panel measurement correctly, then it should go smoothly! Good luck!

Reply

15. oge 06/02/08 at 7:35 pm  
Hi  
  
This is real neat. I have a bag design in mind and will definitely be trying the round bag bottom for that design.  
Hopefully will show it off when it's done  
  
Thanks. You have been bookmarked:-)

Oge

Reply

16. machen & tun 06/27/08 at 6:35 am  
Thank you so much for the tut!! I always wanted to try that, with your perfect guidance now I did: it came out ok and now I can work on it ðŸ™, Btw I found a great site to find out my measurements, it may be helpful for others:  
<http://www.arndt-bruenner.de/mathe/9/kreisberechnung.htm#rechner>  
(Sorry I don't know how to link.)  
It is a German site but very easy to use: just scroll down to Rechner fuer Kreise, type in the measures you know and you will get the rest. Very efficient :-), thanks to Arndt Bruenner and thanks to Kyoko!! Claudia

Reply

17. crafty 07/08/08 at 4:53 pm  
Thank you for these step-by-step explanations! Very useful. They make the tricky art of sewing circles look easier!  
The round-bottom bag looks great too!

Reply

18. Eva Mari 02/28/09 at 9:17 pm  
Thank you SO very much for this wonderful tut!  
My grandkids wanted sailer bags for their swimwear and as a novice in sewing I dreaded this task  
Best regards Eva Mari ðŸ™€

Reply

19. Barbara 06/09/09 at 4:25 am  
just curious how much did you sell these bags for on etsy? They are beautiful!!

Reply

20. Joanna 11/22/09 at 4:44 am  
Great tutorial! Thanks!  
I find it difficult to sew seams that are not straight lines<< any tips?

Reply

- o kyoko 11/22/09 at 10:46 pm

Hi Joanna,

Whenever I sew curved lines, I put enough pins so that the position is secure. If its really curved, then I add few notches so that the fabric wont stretch too much.

Hope this helps! So glad that you enjoyed the tutorial ðŸ™€

x

Kyoko

#### Reply

■ Joanna 11/22/09 at 11:00 pm

You know how the machine sew seams in a straight line as in the machine will drag the fabric in a straight line as it stitches.. sorry i am very bad at explaining

when i try sewing curves, my machine doesnt want to, it just keeps dragging the fabric in a straight line and refuse to turn!

■ kyoko 11/22/09 at 11:09 pm

I know what you mean! Whenever I sew along a curved line, I do it very slowly (almost like few stitches at a time sometimes a stitch at a time!). I also lift the pressor foot to turn around.

Hope this makes sense ðŸ™‰

x

Kyoko

21. Jo 04/23/12 at 5:23 am

hey look, you helped me a great deal. i had other ways to come up to the same but triple complicated. so God bless you for your skills shared.

#### Reply

22. shirin 10/01/13 at 12:58 pm

Thank you very much for this tutorial. It was a great help.

#### Reply

Leave a comment

Name (required)

Email (required)

Website

#### • List

- [Free Knitting Patterns](#)
- [Knitting Needle Conversion Table](#)
- [Crochet Hook Conversion Table](#)
- [Knitting Tutorials](#)
- [Super Yummy Food Recipe](#)

#### • Search the blog

#### • Recent Posts

- [Baby Cable Yoke Jacket](#)
- [Brooklyn Tweed Wool People 7 Seine: Cardigan for Every Woman](#)
- [Spud Chloe 1/2 Lightning Shawl 1/2 1/2 Innovative Nursing Shawl to Knit](#)
- [My Beautiful Baby Has Arrived!](#)
- [Knitting for Baby: Saartje 1/2s Bootees](#)

#### • Subscribe to the Blog

to our newsletter!



