

Bogolan Pouch Necklace

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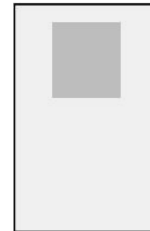
Create a simple pouch necklace as a holder for a favorite amulet or small treasure, even business cards. Easy sewing by hand or machine.



YOU'LL NEED:

- Bogolan strip, approx. 8" long*
- Necklace Cording
- Cowrie Shell or Bead
- Fusible tape
- Sewing machine or needle and thread
- Iron

NOTE: Before cutting the fabric, decide what area of the print you want to show off as the front of the pouch necklace (maybe a mask, symbol or other design). Be sure that section appears in the shaded area at right, then cut your fabric.



STEP 1: Place fabric wrong side up. Turn up about ½" on the bottom edge to finish it. Press the fold. Stitch or fuse the fold in place.

STEP 2: Turn in one long side so its edge meets the center. Press. Turn in the second long side so that its edge touches the first. Press. Sew the edges together, or fuse: open up both folds and place the fusible tape underneath them so the tape is centered between them. Use a hot iron to fuse the folds down.

STEP 3: Turn down about ½" of the unfinished short edge. Measure cording around your neck for length, allowing a few extra inches to tie the ends together; trim cording if necessary. Place the knot inside the crease of the top flap. Sew or glue the flap down, keeping the cording free; press securely.

STEP 4: Turn up the bottom of the pouch so that it overlaps the top flap. Machine sew or hand sew into place using an overcast stitch. Decorate: Sew a bead or cowrie shell to front.



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