

# How to Make Yoyos with the Help of a CD

One of our customers came into the store a while back. She showed us her **fabulous yoyo quilt**. And then she told us how she made her yoyos. Take notes, girls!



She used a **CD-ROM disk** to trace the fabric circles. Isn't that clever? She said that if you buy a pack of CDs for your computer, often there is one CD that is crystal clear. You can use it to **fussy cut** the fabric so that the center of the yoyo (the side that is not gathered) will showcase a particularly cute novelty motif.

After you trace your circle onto the fabric, just cut by hand with sharp scissors. It doesn't have to be a perfect circle.

Working with the fabric right side down, fold over the raw edge by 1/2" and make **large, even basting stitches through both layers of the fold, about 1/4" away from the fold you made at the edge of the fabric circle**. After you go all the way around once, gather the yoyo. Not too tight. Tie a secure knot. Clip your threads.

Then make another yoyo. And another. It's relaxing.

After you get several made, you can start to **sew them together with tiny stitches**, by hand. Use a neutral (taupe) colored thread.

The quilt you see above was made with a multitude of 30's reproduction prints, most of which our customer got at The Quilting Season. **Bright, fun fabrics** are best and most appropriate for making a yoyo quilt.

This would be a great no-brainer project for the summer. **Simply set up a tote bag** with all the supplies needed to make this project, then drag it along on your car trip during summer vacation. Stitch while you converse or listen to music. Or sunbathe. Expect to answer questions from curious onlookers who wish they knew how to sew like that. Maybe teach them!

**The Bottom Line: You'll get a lot more done on the road** than if you wait to find time to hang out in your sewing room.



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