

Floss Into Bags The Australian Way



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Making Floss into bags is best carried out in an air conditioned room to regulate humidity, the enemy of floss bagging.

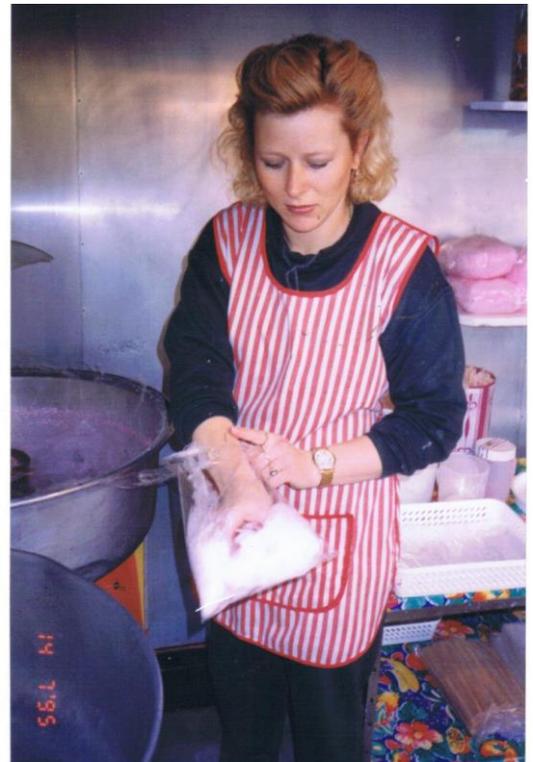
Sugar is best stored in the making room to humidify it. These instructions are designed for a right hand person using 200mm x 300mm poly drop 40UM bags with **A SECOND PERSON SEALING**. Bags and machine should be at a level you can comfortably cope with. Use cornflour or talcum powder on fingers to stop sticking.

The Method

Open bag by rubbing edges together with dusted fingers. Lay bag on left hand wrist, palm up. Open bag mouth while gripping the side of the bag with fingers inside, thumb outside. With right hand, pick up ring of floss.

Tuck first ring of floss into bag with fingers. Push firmly down into bag bottom, firmly into corners. **THIS IS IMPORTANT**, it shapes bag by keeping mouth open for next ring of floss and ensures a well filled, fat bag. Taking the part filled bag off the wrist as shown is not recommended. This is only to show how to push it into corners. Keep bag resting on inside wrist always for speedy filling.

Opening poly-prop bag laying palm side up. Bag is picked up and opened wide at mouth laid up arm ready for first ring of floss from bowl running machine with mid heavy floss flowing from head.





Tucking second lifted ring of floss into opened bag resting on left hand inner arm.

Pick up second ring, tuck into bag as before.

Continue with third ring handful of floss. This should be ample to fill bag.

Make sure third handful, which fills the bag, is tucked in well past the mouth of bag leaving at least one inch clear for a clean electronic seal without floss strands trapped in sealing area.

Air can leak through strands left in opening before sealing and causes bag shrinkage.

Picture shows with greater clarity how the FIRST handful is pushed into the bottom corners to fatten fill bag.

Floss makers all have favourite ways to bag, this method seems to be the most popular with Australian show people. **The true Aussie way.**

Our Floss maker (pictured) is from one Australia's oldest families in show business, Briggs & Freeman. The photographs were taken in the family amusement park at Melbourne Zoological Gardens. The Floss Machines are "Australian Smart" models - both at least 25 years old and still going strong.

Pushing second ring of floss into bag after first handful is tucked into corners. This keeps mouth and body of bag wide open to feed third handful to top of bag.





Tucking final floss ring into bag held on back of hand. Bottom gripped inside bag with fingers.

The facts of life!!

Like everything in life, you only get what you pay for, be it Floss Machines, bags, colours or whatever. Start with machines. Buy the best in Australia an Aussie made 'Tornado'. Now to color. The cheapest is not the best, because it will be cut with sugar or salt. We sell not the cheapest but the best for the price, and complies with World food regulations.

Our "**FLAVA-COLOUR**" is a combination of the best colour and fruity flavor in a castor base. It is recommended for price, colour and quality. Does not carbonise on your element.

Now To Bags.

"Cellophane" is great but is the most expensive single layer material available and not great for keeping qualities. Needs both heat and pressure to seal satisfactorily.

Single layer cast poly-prop 24UM is the cheapest, clearest material but suitable only for few days keeping quality . Thin 24UM walls are difficult to open, easy to split, and "El Cheapo".

Single layer cast poly-prop 40UM . Good to work with, opens easily, if packed fat, tight and stored correctly. Recommended as great middle of the road for strength, clarity and keeping quality.

Multi layer laminates (two bags in one) are absolutely the best. They will keep weeks and weeks if packed tight and sealed tight but are expensive. Most suitable for retail shops for its long shelf life and ease to fill — very, very good bags. These are the stiff bags used for packing quality confectionery or "Twisties" type product.

Sealers for Poly Prop Bags.

We recommend our electronic, hot wire impulse sealers bench and treadle models. Parts and service available. We no longer sell old fashioned Cello Jaw Sealers.