



## **Making Bee Keeping Gloves**

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Gloves are especially important for beginner beekeepers and when bees are very vicious. The best bee glove is one, which does not allow stings to go through, and which allows you to work in a confident way.

We can categorize bee gloves according to how they are made:

- Gloves made of cloth (the glove is coated with rubber).
- Gloves made of leather.
- Gloves made of plastic.

Leather gloves last for a long time, but they are difficult to get and to sew, and also the leather is expensive. Plastic gloves are simple to sew and the material can be purchased at low-cost.

Cut the size of the gloves you want by placing your hand on the sheet. Then cut out the shape, leaving enough to make a hem (about 20 mm all round).

Next join the seams. There are different ways of joining - you can sew the pieces together (you will need about two meters of thread), or by joining with heat (we use a beeswax candle).

The plastic glove is cheap because you can buy one meter of plastic and make two or three gloves.