

Storing and moving laundry through biomimicry

The Boa Constrictor

What Can the Constrictor Teach about Storage?

DIET:

Includes monkeys, birds, and wild pigs (NationalGeographic, 2012) Which are several times larger than the snake's diameter Flexible body expands to accommodate large food items

FLEXIBLE JAWS:

Extremely flexible
Double-jointed hinge can dislocate
Jaw bones not fused
Opens 150 degrees (Perry, 2012)

SWALLOWING:

Skeleton expandsBody stretches

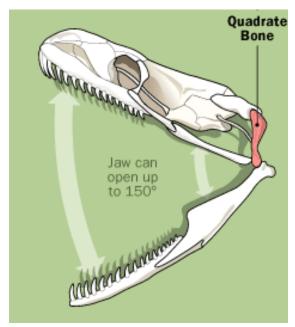


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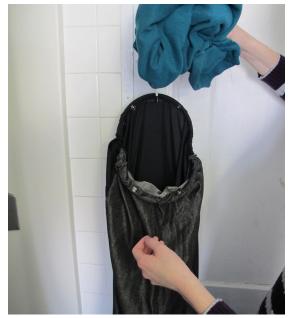
Inspired Design

Like a constrictor, the "Laundry Snake" has flexible "jaws" which open and stretch to accommodate large articles of laundry.

It's "body" expands as it stores more and more clothing.

Like a boa wrap or shoulder bag, it wraps around the user's body for **portability.**

Convenient Use









Elastic"Jaw" Structure

Jaws open and **stretch** to accommodate large items

"Jaws" **snap closed** for odor containment and portability













Adjustable
Strap
Hands-free commute
to laundromat
Removable for

versatile **portability**







Easily Empties into Washing Machine

Jaws open for a simple transition from bag to washing machine

Laundry simply pours out