

# What is a Wonderbag?

I have just discovered literally the best thing since sliced bread and an invention that could revolutionize the way we cook.

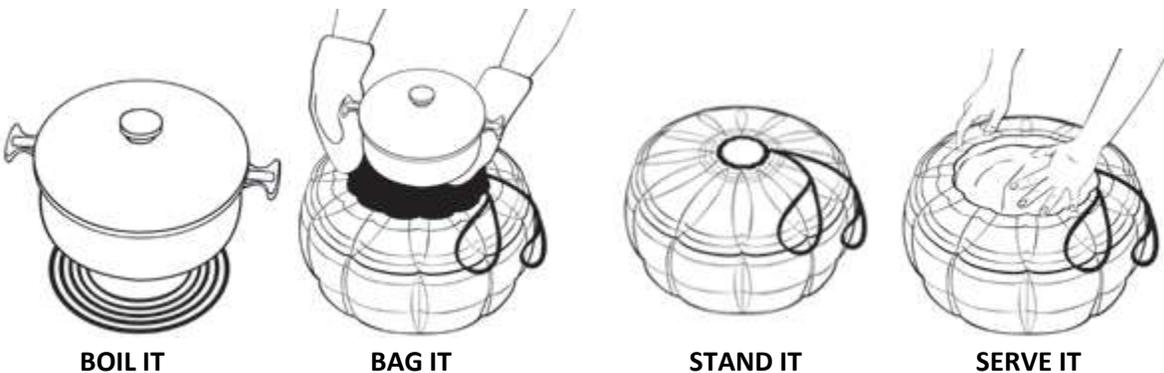
The first time I laid eyes on the Wonderbag I was intrigued more than wowed - how on earth could a padded bag cook my food? But I soon found that there was more to this bag than meets the eye!

Simply, you start your stew, porridge, casserole off on the hob, then once it is bubbling, pop the pan with its contents into the Wonderbag and without any heat energy at all, it just carries on cooking! And the best of it is that its keeps hot once it has finished cooking. It works the same way with cold food - I put a bag of ice cubes in, I have to admit a little sceptically, and 12 hours later when I looked into the Wonderbag, the ice cubes were still frozen. What a fantastic idea!

In Africa and in parts of the world where poverty is widespread, this little bag has made a huge difference to their lives, where fuel is scarce. Just think, for every Wonderbag that is bought across the world, there is one winging its way across the globe to these poor countries. So by buying one, you are not only helping yourself but also helping others. How satisfying is that?

So when you get home from work to wonderful aromas and open up your Wonderbag, serve up your lovely hot casserole to your family, just think that you are doing your bit for the environment too, reducing CO2 omissions into the atmosphere, using less fuel and making our world a better place. Well done to Sarah Collins, the inventor of Wonderbag, for taking an age old way of cooking and bringing it into the 21st Century for the good of all.

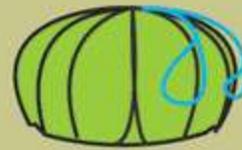
Just off to Wonderbag my dinner! Bye!



## Wonderbag cooking times



Time on stove



Time in Wonderbag

Meat	20 minutes	5 hours
Chicken	15 minutes	3 hours
Vegetables	5 minutes	1 hour
Rice	2 minutes	1 hour

As of June 2012, 500K Wonderbags have been distributed throughout South Africa, set to improve the lives of over 2 million people, made possible by carbon offsets.. With key partnerships in place, we hope to see that figure rise to at least 5 million in the next few years



## Wonderbag has many benefits...

- *It can reduce a family's fuel usage up to 30% - saving money and easing poverty*
- *It reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions*
- *It reduces toxic fumes which means less respiratory problems and other diseases, particularly in children*
- *It reduces accidents in the kitchen, because stoves are used less*

- *It reduces time spent cooking, giving more time for child-care and other activities*
- *It saves precious water. When the pot is insulated in a Wonderbag at a fairly constant temperature, less evaporation occurs, so less water is needed*
- *It saves food. 20% of all staple food in Africa is burned, due to pots being placed on open fires and unregulated stove tops. With the Wonderbag no burning happens*