CLAIMS

1. A flexible container for holding contents, comprising:

an outer bag that includes a bottom surface portion in which a lower opening is formed;

a tubular inner bag that is housed in the outer bag, configured to be filled with the contents, and includes a discharge port portion that forms a discharge path for discharging the contents and extends to a lower side of the bottom surface portion via the lower opening;

a first binding member configured to be tied around the discharge port portion to close the discharge path; and

a lid configured to be attached to an outer side of the bottom surface portion to cover the discharge port portion,

wherein the discharge port portion is configured to be narrowed to close the discharge path and then folded back in one direction such that its lower end is oriented upward, or is configured to be folded back in one direction to close the discharge path such that the lower end is oriented upward and then narrowed,

the first binding member is configured to be tied around the discharge port portion to maintain a state in which the discharge port portion is folded back in one direction and narrowed,

the lid is configured to be attached to the outer side of the bottom surface portion to cover the discharge port portion that is folded after being tied off with the first binding member, and

wherein the flexible container is configured such that the discharge port portion in a state of being tied off with the first binding member hangs down from the bottom surface portion with the lower end oriented upward when the lid is removed from the bottom surface portion.

2. The flexible container according to claim 1,

wherein the lid is configured to be attached to the bottom surface portion using a hook-and-loop fastener.

3. The flexible container according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein the first binding member is a cord-shaped member that includes a hook-and-loop fastener.

4. The flexible container according to any one of claims 1 to 3,

wherein the outer bag further includes a discharge port cover that surrounds the discharge port portion,

the discharge port cover is fixed to the bottom surface portion to extend to the lower side of the bottom surface portion from the lower opening, and

the first binding member is fixed to the discharge port cover.

5. The flexible container according to any one of claims 1 to 4,

wherein the outer bag further includes an upper surface portion in which an upper opening is formed, and

the inner bag further includes a filling port portion that forms an introduction path for introducing the contents and extends to an upper side of the upper surface portion via the upper opening.

6. The flexible container according to claim 5, further comprising

a second binding member configured to be tied around the filling port portion to close the introduction path.

7. The flexible container according to claim 6,

wherein the outer bag further includes a filling port cover that surrounds the filling port portion,

the filling port cover is fixed to the upper surface portion to extend to the upper side of the upper surface portion from the upper opening, and

the second binding member is fixed to the filling port cover.

8. The flexible container according to claim 6 or 7, further comprising

a hooking member that is fixed to the second binding member or a portion in the vicinity of the center of an upper portion of the outer bag and is configured to be hooked to a suspending tool that suspends the flexible container from above.

9. The flexible container according to any one of claims 1 to 8,

wherein the contents are water-absorbent resin particles.

10. A method for manufacturing a flexible container for holding contents and opening the flexible container holding the contents therein, comprising:

providing an outer bag that includes a bottom surface portion in which a lower opening is formed and an upper surface portion in which an upper opening is formed;

providing a tubular inner bag that is configured to be filled with the contents and includes a discharge port portion that forms a discharge path for discharging the contents and a filling port portion that forms an introduction path for introducing the contents;

housing the inner bag in the outer bag such that the discharge port portion extends to a lower side of the bottom surface portion via the lower opening and the filling port portion extends to an upper side of the upper surface portion via the upper opening;

narrowing the discharge port portion to close the discharge path and then folding back in one direction such that its lower end is oriented upward, or folding back the

discharge port portion in one direction to close the discharge path such that its lower end is oriented upward and then narrowing;

tying off the discharge port portion using a first binding member to maintain a state in which the discharge port portion is folded back in one direction and narrowed;

attaching a lid to an outer side of the bottom surface portion to cover the discharge port portion that is folded after being tied off with the first binding member;

introducing the contents into the inner bag via the introduction path;

closing the introduction path after the contents are introduced;

suspending the flexible container holding the contents therein;

removing the lid from the bottom surface portion to cause the discharge port portion tied off with the first binding member to hang down from the bottom surface portion with the lower end oriented upward; and

opening the discharge path by untying the first binding member from the hanging discharge port portion.