

Make your own t-shirt shopping bag

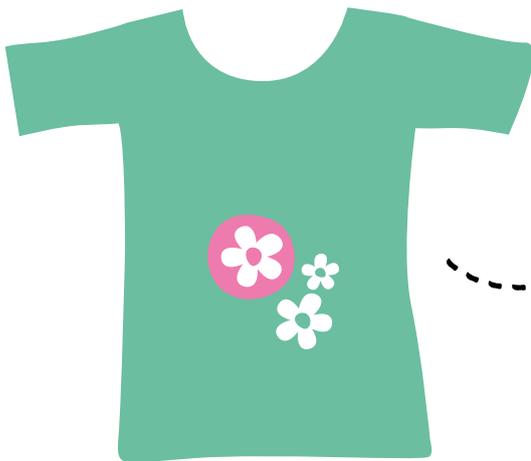
One of the best ways of helping the environment is to re-use something you would otherwise have thrown away. Did you know you can make your own re-usable shopping bag using just an old t-shirt and a pair of scissors?

You will need:

- An old t-shirt that you no longer wear
- Scissors

What to do:

1 Turn the t-shirt inside out.



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Cut off the sleeves by cutting along the seams.



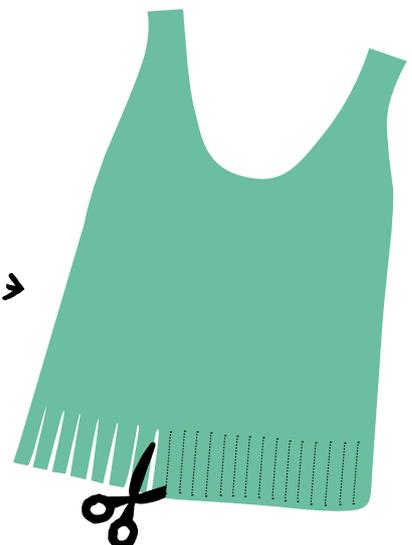
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Cut the collar into a deep U shape. You might want to draw this on first to guide you.



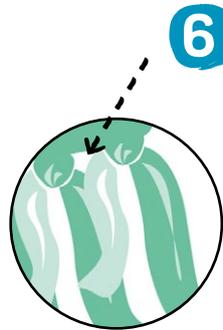
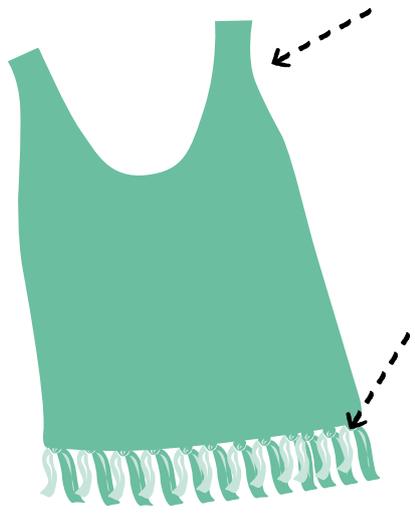
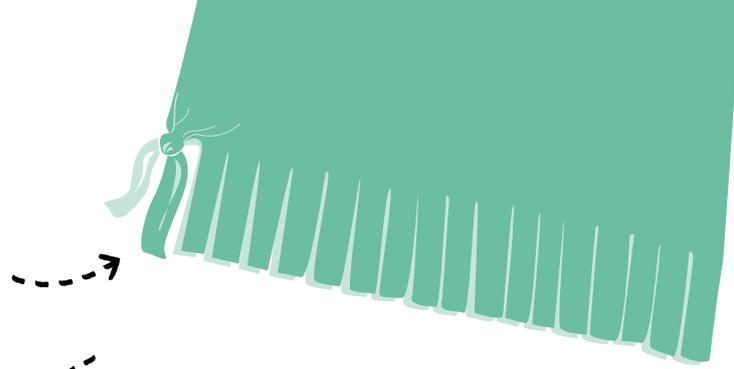
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Cut strips into the bottom of the t-shirt. Each strip should be about 3cm (1 inch) wide and about 8cm (3 inches) long. Again, you might want to mark this out before you cut. Cut the outside edges of the first and last strip.



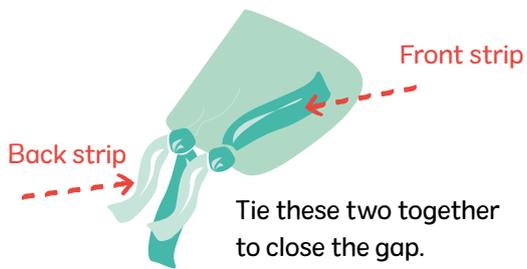
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Tie each pair of strips (the one from the front of the t-shirt and the one from the back) together.



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You might find there are small gaps between each knot. If so, to close these gaps, tie together the front strip of the first pair with the back strip of the next one along. Repeat all the way along.



Tie these two together to close the gap.

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Turn the bag back the right way out.

Hay presto, you got yourself a shopping bag!



Connecting with nature

- You can now use your bag in place of plastic bags. You will have helped to reduce plastic pollution as well as saving energy because less new bags will need to be made.
- How does it feel to have helped the environment in this way?

Share the fun

We'd love to see pictures of your finished bags.

You could also share your photos with family and friends. I'm sure they'd enjoy making one as much as you have.

Let's get everyone re-using instead of buying new!

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