



Reducing our carbon footprint: Recycle your old clothes

Resources:

- T-shirt
- Scissors
- Pencil or chalk
- Tape measure

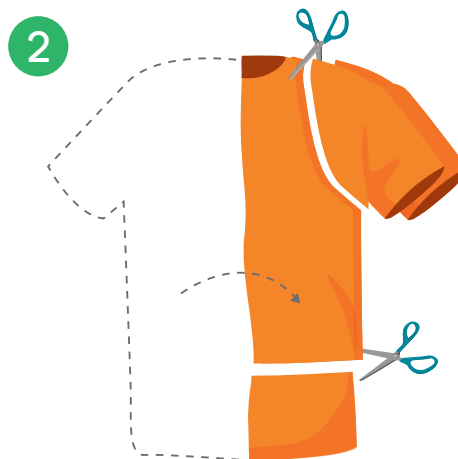
Individual activity

Get creative and find another use for clothes you were going to throw out. Here's a few ideas:

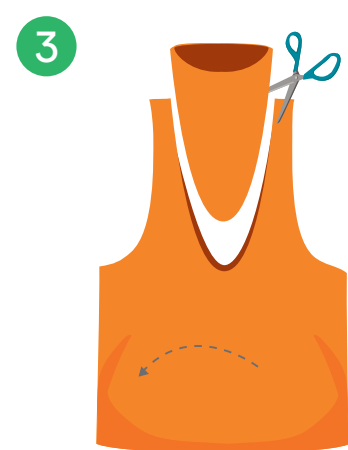
Make a tote bag from a t-shirt



1 Determine the best spots to cut around the neckline and sleeves. Measure down how deep you want your t-shirt tote bag to be. Measure 3 more inches and mark this spot.



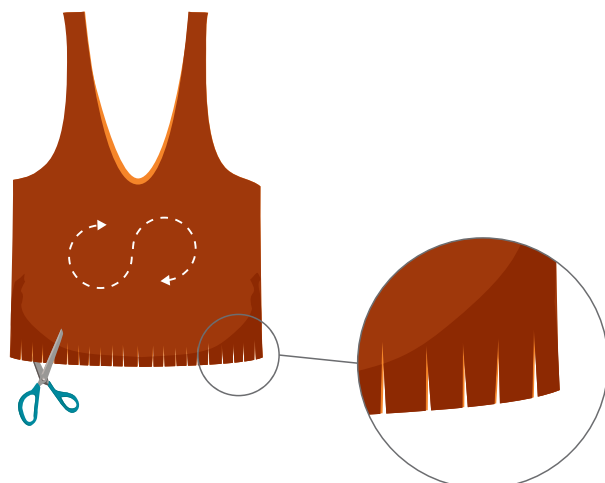
2 You can fold your t-shirt in half and cut off the sleeves together so they are identical or just cut it freehand.



3 Unfold the T-shirt and cut a deep U shape at the neckline. By doing this you are creating the handles and the shape for the bag.

- 4 Turn the T-shirt inside out. You can sew the bottom or try this no-sew technique.

Create a fringe along the bottom by cutting into the T-shirt to create strips that are around 6-8 cm long and 1-2 cm wide.





Make a tote bag from a t-shirt continued

- 5** Tie the back and front of each strip together. To fill in the gaps between the knots, tie the top of each strip to the bottom of the adjacent strip.

Secure the strips at each end with a double knot.



- 6** You can either leave the tassels showing as a bit of fun decoration or turn the T-shirt the right side out (reversible) for a smoother look. Your bag is now ready!



Other things you could make

Jeans make great pencil cases, bags, wallets and more...

