

NO SEW T-SHIRT BAG

Why make a t-shirt bag? Keep Orlando Beautiful encourages our community to reduce our waste and reuse items. By reducing waste, we are keeping unnecessary items out of our landfill and keeping our community litter free! We also love reusable items because it helps us stop items from ever becoming litter when we use reusables like bags, water bottles, and utensils.

Duration: 15 minutes

Materials: Old T-Shirt, Scissors, Ruler (optional)

Recommended Age: 10 and up; Under 10 will need assistance with cutting and tying

Safety Tips: Never cut towards yourself and be aware of your hands if they are beneath the t-shirt when actively cutting.

STEP 1 Cutting off sleeves and collar.



Lay out your t-shirt on a flat surface.



Cut off both sleeves. This creates the bag straps so only cut about .5 - 1 inch away from the seam to get desired size strap.



Cut off the collar to create the opening to the bag. Next to the collar begin cutting down to create a deep scoop. You can cut a half circle or a squarer design like a shopping bag.

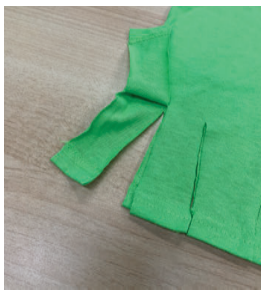
STEP 2 Cutting fringe along bottom.



Place your t-shirt scraps off to the side. Those can be reused in another craft project or donated to a textile recycling organization.

At the bottom of the t-shirt make sure the seams are aligned, because we will begin cutting thin strips along the entire length of the shirt. Cut strips about 1 inch in width and about 3-4 inches deep. You will be tying these so make sure there is enough material to double knot.

STEP 3 Tie the fringe



Take a look at the strips at the bottom edge of your t-shirt. Starting on either end you will take a strip from the front and the one from the back and tie a double knot. Continue until all strips are tied.

STEP 4 Decide on bag design



Now you can make the final touches that are optional. You can flip the bag inside out if you prefer the clean edge look at the bottom of your bag. You can also take the opening from the sleeves and collar and tug on the fabric to create a rolled edge that is a bit cleaner look.

STEP 5 Enjoy your new upcycled bag!

