

RAGS TO BAGS!

How To Make T-Shirt Tote Bags

Project Overview: This quick, easy, fun and resourceful project involves creating reusable, renewable cloth bags as environmentally friendly alternatives to plastic bags by transforming and re-purposing old, worn or stained donated clothing. These up-cycled, t-shirt tote bags will be provided to community members visiting the Hope Center for resources from our food pantry, personal essentials pantry, clothing boutique, and to those experiencing homelessness during our homeless outreach.

Below are 5 easy steps to create a no-sew t-shirt tote bag!

Tip: The left over t-shirt scraps can be recycled as rags for cleaning!

Supplies Needed:

- Scissors
- T-Shirt(s)

Step 1:

Cut the sleeves off.



Step 2:

Cut the neck line in an oval shape. This will be the opening of the bag.



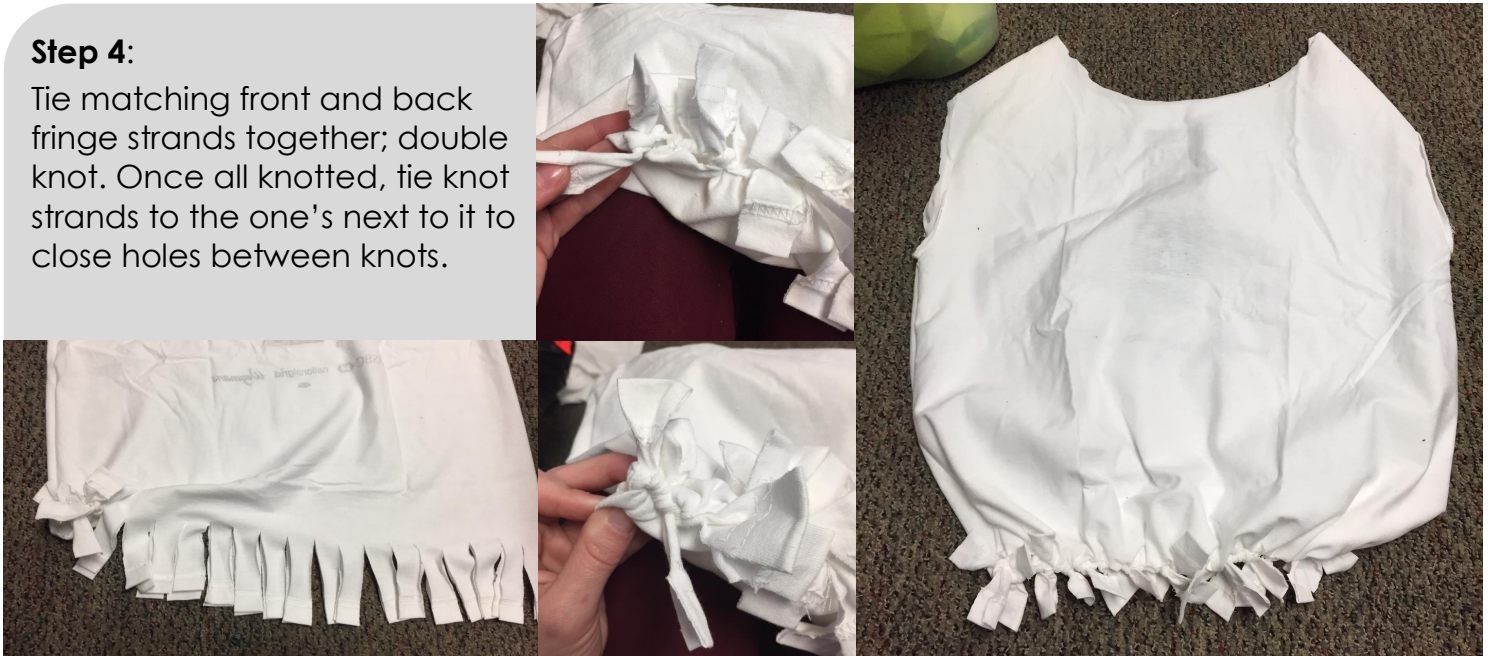
Step 3:

Turn the shirt inside out and cut slits along the bottom of the shirt (about 3 inches long and about 3/4 to 1 inch apart). Cut both the front and back layers together because they will need to match up for the next step.



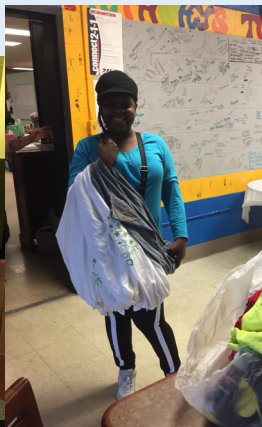
Step 4:

Tie matching front and back fringe strands together; double knot. Once all knotted, tie knot strands to the one's next to it to close holes between knots.



Step 5:

Turn your t-shirt right side out and you're done!



- The oil to make 14 plastic bags could drive a car 1 mile!
- An estimated 100,000 marine Mammals are killed annually by plastic bags!
- Americans use 380 billion plastic bags every year!
- The average American family uses 1,500 plastic bags a year!
- Each year US uses 30 billion plastic and 10 billion paper bags!