

Fringe T-shirt Bags

Where: Tabling event

Time: About 25-30 minutes

Goal: To learn how to make a functional, fun, and upcycled bag with t-shirts we already own.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the importance of reusable bags over plastic bags
- Understand how to make things from what we already own (upcycle)

Materials:

- T-shirt
- Scissors
- Ruler

Set Up:

- Tablecloth down first!
- Put the sign where it is clearly visible

Directions:

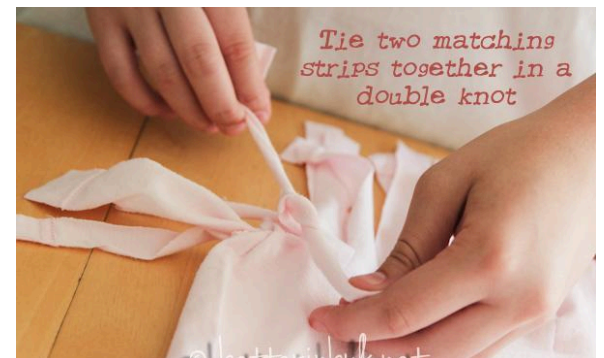
1. Lay your shirt flat and then set a ruler parallel to the bottom of your shirt about 5-6 inches above the bottom hem. If you'd rather not have much fringe hanging down, you can make your strips shorter.
2. Cut 1/2 inch strips up to the ruler (I used the width of my thumb as a rough guide). It's great to be as straight and consistent as possible, but luckily, these strips are very forgiving.
3. Now for the top of the bag. First, cut each of the sleeves off (I followed the seam line where the sleeve was sewn on to the body of the shirt).
4. Next, cut the neck hole...less rather than more.
5. Now you're ready to start tying. Knot the two end strips by themselves, and then carefully match each top strip to each bottom strip, double knotting each tightly as you make your way across.

Conclusion:

The point of this activity was to show people a use for a t-shirt beyond just being a t-shirt. Using reusable bags is an important step to reduce the waste from plastic and paper bags, as well as decrease the resources needed to make those bags. According to the Clean Air Council, Americans use approximately 1 billion shopping bags every year, creating 300,000 tons of landfill waste; less than 1% of these are recycled. By using reusable bags, we are diverting these bags from the waste stream.

Courtesy of:

<http://www.skiptomylou.org/2012/06/07/recycled-t-shirt-summer-bags-craft-camp/>



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