

# T-Shirt Shopping Bag

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I have decided to make a project about how you can reuse an old tshirt and turn it into a shopping bag. By using this bag it will help reduce the use of plastic that you use. Because you won't need to purchase plastic bags to carry your shopping around in. On average 1 trillion plastic bags are used every year. Of that 1 trillion bags, on average we only reuse 1 in every 200 plastic bags. Yes, plastic bags are a huge issue when it comes to land fills and our beaches and parks. Plastic bags are 80% of the pollution that is in our oceans. Species that are being affected by plastic bags are mostly all different types of sea creatures such as fish, whales, turtles, dolphins and also some birds like seagulls. By making this yourself you won't be saving 100's of dollars, but you will be saving 5 cents at a time and will be saving the planet and the animals that are affected by the plastic bags. It may cost a few dollars to make it yourself but once you have made it, you have it for as long as the bag will last.

**Step 1: find an old shirt that doesn't fit you anymore or a shirt you don't like**



**Step 2: lay the shirt out and start by cutting off the sleeves beside the seam**



This is what the shirt should look like after you have cut off the sleeves



**Step 3: grab a bowl or something that is round. Then line it up so that half of the bowl is on the t-shirt.**



**Step 4: when you have lined the bowl up get a sharpie or a pen to make a line around the bowl so you know where to cut**



**Step 5: You are going to cut a strip off the bottom about an inch or so thick**



**Step 6: you are going to use the strip that you cut off the bottom and tie it as tight as you can on the bottom of the shirt**



**Step 7: turn the shirt inside out so that the bit that you tied up is on the inside**



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