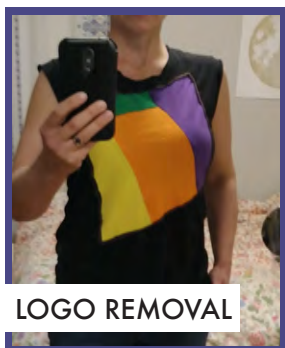
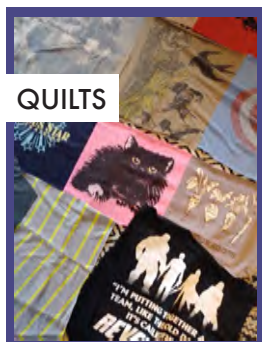
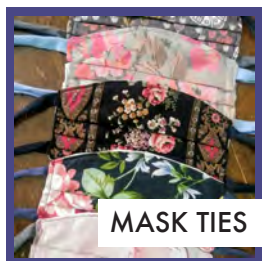


## OTHER WAYS TO RECYCLE T-SHIRTS

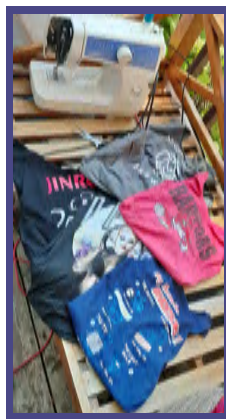
T-shirts are amazing! If you have an extra one, you can of course wear it or pass it on. They are made of knit material and are easy to alter or repair. When you cut them, they don't unravel.

To love your t-shirt more, you can:

- cover stains or holes with cute patches
- remove logos by sewing a reverse applique patch and cut the logo out! (find logo removal site under "LINKS")
- cut your t-shirt into nice long strings of yarn and crochet, knit or weave with it (website instructions under "LINKS")
- make it in something new like a jacket, bunting, cropped t-shirt, hand warmers



## MATERIALS NEEDED (TO MAKE A T-SHIRT BAG)



- Needle & Thread OR Sewing Machine
- Scissors
- Pins (optional for pocket)

## LINKS

We have t-shirt bag walkthroughs on our website  
[www.works-in-progress.ca](http://www.works-in-progress.ca)

Love the fit but hate the logo? Great tips from a t-shirt lover/logo hater on a simple and beautiful way to remove t-shirt logos. Their motto is "Convenience = Death"

[https://m.facebook.com/Logo-Removal-Service-190943360987062/?ref=page\\_internal&mt\\_nav=0](https://m.facebook.com/Logo-Removal-Service-190943360987062/?ref=page_internal&mt_nav=0)

How to make t-shirt yarn: find a great walkthrough with pictures on the Textile Museum website.  
<https://textilemuseum.ca/education/turning-t-shirts-into-yarn/>



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Make your own

## T-SHIRT SHOPPING

# BAG

A simple reusable bag made from an old t-shirt!

## WHAT IS A T-SHIRT BAG?

## WHERE CAN I USE IT?

Bring it along when you go shopping, to a swap or farmer's market. It also makes a great gift bag!

## WHY SHOULD I MAKE IT?

Inexpensive, cheerful and simple way to reuse old t-shirts that might otherwise be thrown away.

## HOW TO MAKE A

# T-SHIRT BAG

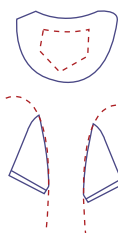


### 1. CUT SLEEVES OFF T-SHIRT

Cut on the body side of the shoulder seam, from the shoulder to the armpit.

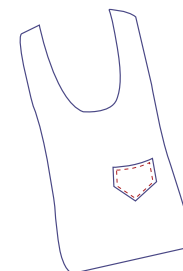
#### KEEP YOUR SCRAPS

Sleeves make great rags or stuffing for small crafts. The neck scraps can be reused to make a pocket for your t-shirt bag.



### ADD A POCKET (OPTIONAL)

You can create a pocket anywhere on the bag using the cut-out neck piece or sleeve. This is optional but can be used for extra storage or even just as a design detail.



### 2. CUT OUT NECK

**BUT** before cutting, consider (at least) two options:

If you love the image on your t-shirt, cut a shallow hole around the neck to save the image. This means the bag will have a smaller opening.



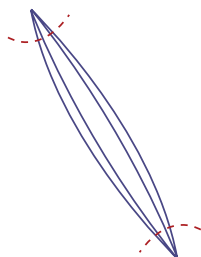
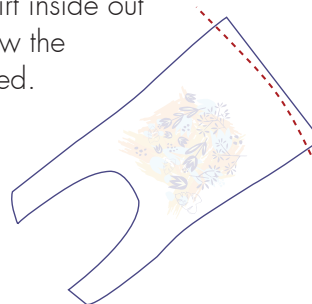
A better strap design is to cut a hole that is as deep as the straps.



**TIP:** Make sure you cut outside the neck without making the straps too thin.

### 3. SEW BOTTOM OF BAG

Turn the t-shirt inside out and then sew the bottom closed.



**TIP:** for extra fancy flat bottomed bags, sew across the two corners before you turn right side out.

### 4. TURN IT RIGHT SIDE OUT

Once you've cut the straps, sewn the bottom and added the optional pocket, you are all done! Now you're ready to tote your bag all over town, saving a t-shirt from the landfill and saving countless plastic bags! Woohoo!

**WORKS-IN-PROGRESS USE THESE BAGS AT OUR CLOTHING SWAPS. WE WELCOME HELP TO MAKE THESE BAGS!**

