

# Upcycled No-Sew T-shirt Tote Bags!

## **Materials Needed:**

- Any t-shirt or knit shirt
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil/pen/markер

Yes, that's it!

We used an old Hudson Summer Reading shirt, but pretty much any t-shirt or knit material shirt will work. Just make sure it's big enough to hold whatever you want to put into it!



## **Step 1:**

Lay your shirt out on a flat surface and smooth out any wrinkles. Figure out how deep you want to make your tote bag, then add about 3 inches and mark that spot.



### **Step 2:**

Cut off the bottom of the t-shirt at that marked spot. This will become the bottom of your bag.

### **Step 3:**

Determine the best spots to cut at the neckline and sleeves, then start cutting them. (You want to leave about 3 inches at the shoulder seam if possible- this becomes the strap of the tote and you don't want it too flimsy.)



Your shirt should now look something like this:



**Step 4:**

Keep the bottom of the t-shirt lined up and cut the bottom of the shirt into 3/4 to 1 inch wide by 2 inches tall strips or "fringe." Be sure to cut the front and back at the same time, so your ties will be even.



Cut the very first and last fringe piece at the side seam to create 2 pieces of fringe.



**Step 5:**

Flip the t-shirt inside out and start tying the front and back fringe pieces together.



When you've tied them all it should look something like this:



Once all the fringe strips are tied together, you will notice the bag has small holes where you tied the fringe together.



To close the small holes, tie together the fringe strips on each side of the hole. Keep doing this until every strip is double tied. (If you don't think you will be carrying anything so small that it would fall through the holes, you could skip this step.)

When the knots are how you'd like them, flip the shirt right side out and your bag is complete!



Now you have a great bag to bring all of your books to and from the library, use as a beach bag, or whatever else you can think of!



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