

## T-shirt bag sew and no sew instructions

### Sew Version

1. Decide if you like what is on the t-shirt. If yes, turn the shirt inside out.
2. Measure 23" from the shoulder seam to the hem. Sew using a double criss cross stitch (it needs to stretch with the fabric) across the bottom creating the bottom of the bag. Cut off excess material.
3. If the bottom is much more than 20", sew side seams to make the shirt smaller. Cut off excess material.
4. Cut out sleeves leaving the seam as reinforcement.
5. Leaving about 4" on the shoulder seam for the handle, cut out the neckline. Start small; you can always cut out more. This creates the opening for the top of the bag.
6. Line up the side (maybe it has a seam) with the bottom seam forming an isosceles (2 equal sides) triangle. Mark the base of the triangle where it will be 8" in length. Sew the bottom of the triangle. Repeat on the other side.
7. Flip the triangles to the center forming a rectangular base. Place an 8x12 piece of cardboard in the base. Turn the bag right side out and you're finished.



Save the scraps and take to H&M in the mall for recycling.

See pictures:



## No-Sew Version

1. Decide if you want the fringe on the outside or inside of the bag. If you want the fringe inside of the bag, turn the shirt inside out.
2. Measure 23" from the shoulder seam to the hem and cut out the sleeves leaving the seam as reinforcement.
3. Leaving about 4" on the shoulder seam for the handle, cut out the neckline. Start small; you can always cut out more. This creates the opening for the top of the bag.
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 3 to 4 inches tall, "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.
5. Take your first pair of fringes and tie it into a knot, then tie two more pairs of knots.
6. Take one strand from the middle knot (the one with the arrow pointing left) and tie it in a knot with one of the strands on the left knot. Take the other strand from the middle knot (the one with the arrow pointing right) and tie it in a knot with one of the strands on the right knot to close the small holes between knots. Take the remaining strand on the right knot and tie it to the next set of knot strands, and so on and so forth until all the strands are tied. Flip the T-shirt if you want the fringe on the inside.



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