

# Recycled Tote Bag

GOT AN OLD T-SHIRT YOU DON'T WEAR ANYMORE?

RECYCLE LIKE A STAG BEETLE AND TURN IT INTO SOMETHING USEFUL!

## Did you know?

Stag beetles are one of nature's recyclers, they turn dead wood into useful compost!



Start Here!

STEP 1



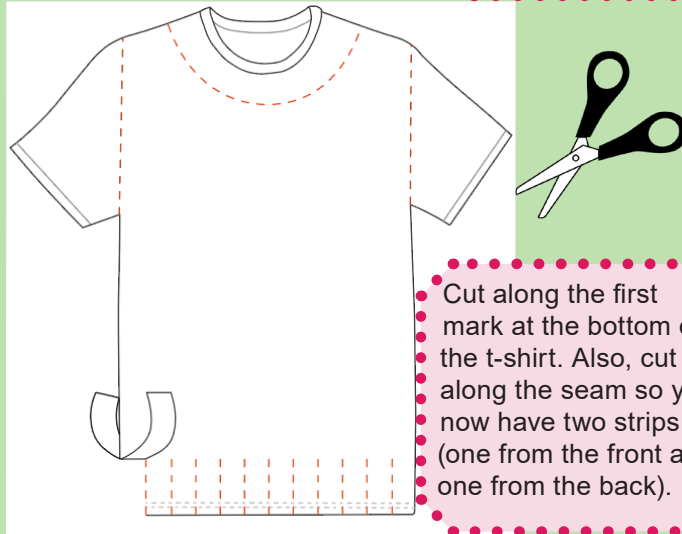
Use a pen to mark where you will cut the sleeves and neck.  
*HINT: For the neckline, draw around a bowl to help you create a semicircle.*

STEP 2



Mark equal width lines along the bottom of the t-shirt. They need to be at least 10cm long. *HINT: Make the strips longer if you want a shorter bag.*

STEP 3



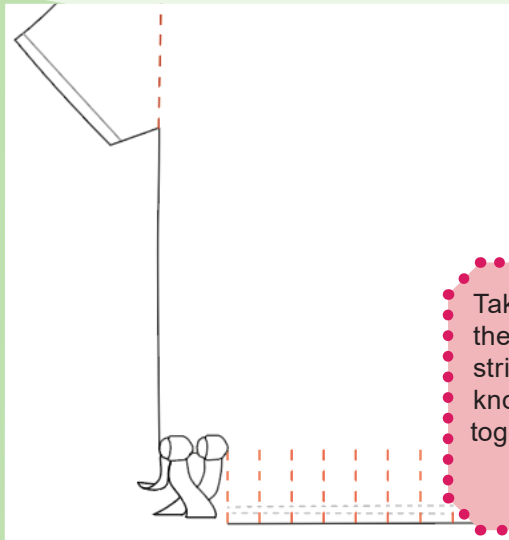
Cut along the first mark at the bottom of the t-shirt. Also, cut along the seam so you now have two strips (one from the front and one from the back).

STEP 4



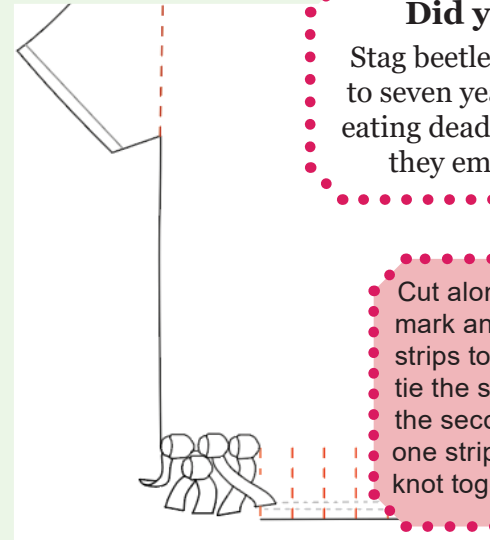
Knot the two strips together and repeat for the next mark. You should now have two knots.

STEP 5



Take one strip from the first knot and one strip from the second knot. Tie these two together into a knot.

STEP 6

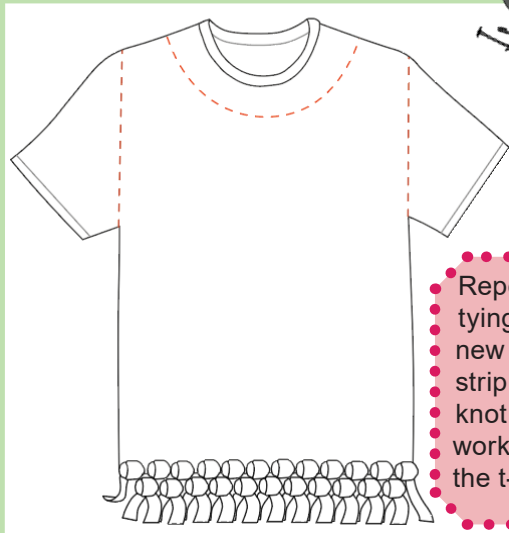


Cut along the third mark and tie those strips together. Next, tie the spare strip from the second knot and one strip from the new knot together.

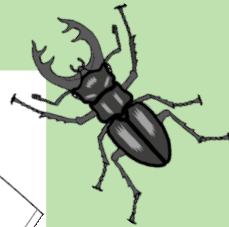
**Did you know?**  
Stag beetle larvae spend up to seven years underground eating dead tree roots before they emerge as adults!



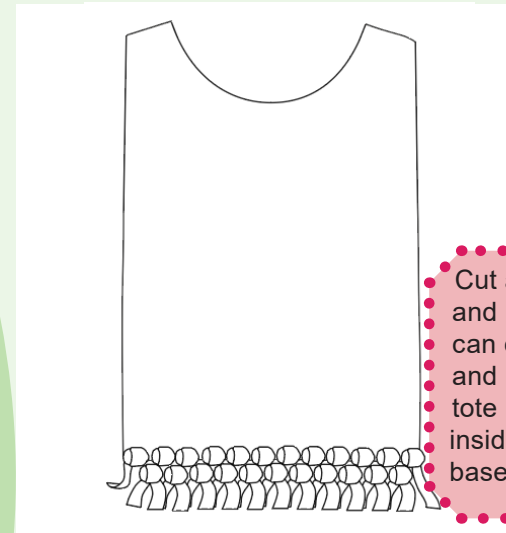
STEP 7



Repeat steps 6 & 7 tying a strip from each new knot to the spare strip from the previous knot until you have worked your way along the t-shirt.



STEP 8



Cut along the sleeve and neck marks. You can either stop here and have a tasseled tote bag or turn it inside out for a neat base.

**Well done!**  
*You've turned something old into something useful, just like a stag beetle!*