HOW TO MAKE
A No-Sew T-Shirt to Tote Bag with Bristol Textile Recyclers

Supplies: old t-shirt & safe scissors

Step 1: Cut the sleeves off

Fold the t-shirt in half and cut both sleeves at once so that they are identical. Or, fold the t-shirt in half and use the cut side as a guide for the next sleeve.
**Step 2: Cut the Neckline Area**

Turn the shirt inside out and trace the outline of a bowl before cutting for a round shape or cut free-hand for a slightly oval shape.

**Step 3: Determine the Bag Depth**

Next, turn the t-shirt inside out. Determine where the bottom of the bag will be and trace a line across.
**Step 4: Cut Fringe**

Use scissors to cut slits from the bottom of the shirt up to the line marking the bottom of the bag.

Cut both the front and back layers together.
**Step 5: Tie fringe**

Take the first pair of fringe and tie it into a knot, then tie two more pairs. Lift the bag to see that although the pairs are pulling the bag together, there’s a hole between each pair. This next step will close those holes.

In the photo above there are three sets of fringe that have been tied in knots. Take one strand from the middle set (the one with the arrow pointing left) and tie it in a knot with one of the strands on the left set. Then take the other strand from the middle set (the one with the arrow pointing right) and tie it in a knot with one of the strands on the right set.

Then take the remaining strand on the right set and tie it to the next set of strands, and so on and so forth until all the strands are tied. Now turn the t-shirt right side out again and voila, done!