

Directions for Making Book Bags from T-shirts

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1. Turn the shirt **inside out** . Cut sleeves from the shirt, being sure to leave the serged seam. The serged seam attaches the sleeve to the body of the T-shirt. Because it is a reinforced seam, it is stronger. We want to keep that seam so the book bag will be stronger.
2. If the T-shirt has a **wide neck** or a **V-neck**, no need to cut the neck.

If the T-shirt has a **round, narrow** neck, remove the neck band by cutting around the band.

If the T-shirt is a “muscle shirt,” (it is sleeveless), no neck cutting is required.

3. Stitch the bottom together. Restitch.
4. Turn the shirt right side out. It’s now ready to hold books.
5. If you have Literacy ConneXus labels, sew a label somewhere on the bag. You may want to first press the label on the bag with a hot iron; then stitch the label in place.
6. Mail T-shirt bags to:

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