

# T's to Totes & More Quick Tips

## T-Shirt to Totes—

*\* V-necks are not quite suitable for T's to Totes.*

1. You can use any t-shirt or a wide strap tank top. If using a t-shirt, you will be cutting off the sleeves, just inside the seams. Trim off the collar. It should look like a tank top.
2. Turn shirt inside out and sew the bottom hem. I find it easiest to sew through the original hem as this makes the bottom more sturdy.
3. If using a t-shirt, you can finish the edges with a 1/4" hem around each arm hole and around the cut off collar. It's not completely necessary unless you want a more finished look (for a gift). The cut edges will roll into a natural hem in the laundry.
4. Turn right side out—and done! You have a new environmentally friendly tote or shopping bag!



## What to do with the leftover materials?

- You won't have much left from the collar but what you do have will work nicely to bind matching scraps of fabric in storage, or used to tie other items. It's strong!
- Sleeves can be used to make hand warmers, hacky sacks, bean bags (for toys), soft cleaning cloths, or make fabric curlers (see pattern at <http://www.daydreemz.net/patterns.html>) or use them to make pockets on the outside or inside of your tote.

A few more ideas:

- Printed t-shirts are great for these totes!
- Make several to use for shopping and pass on the plastic.
- Perfect project for Youth Groups as fundraisers!



Repurpose an oversized t-shirt into a tunic. Maybe add a flower or a belt made from scrap t-shirt materials to jazz it up a little!

Do you have more ideas for repurposing t-shirts? I'd love to share them! Send your ideas and/or instructions with pictures to [sher@daydreemz.net](mailto:sher@daydreemz.net) (please identify with blog or website name) and it will be shared on the What's New page!