



**HARVESTERS**  
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

Bag It Forward is a creative and environmentally friendly volunteer activity where you can transform old or unworn t-shirts into reusable tote bags. These tote bags will be distributed to neighbors visiting Harvesters' partner agencies, to provide them with a sustainable way to carry their food items home each time they visit. This activity is great for individuals, groups, kids, or adults! Once you have completed your bags, bring them to one of Harvesters' facilities, and we'll get them out to our partner agencies!



**STEP 1**

BEGIN WITH A CLEAN, GENTLY USED T-SHIRT, TURNED INSIDE OUT AND LAID ON FLAT SURFACE



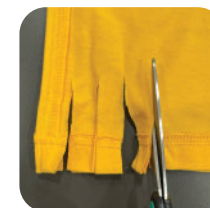
**STEP 2**

CUT THROUGH THE FRONT AND BACK LAYERS TO REMOVE THE NECKLINE



**STEP 3**

CUT THROUGH THE FRONT AND BACK LAYERS TO REMOVE BOTH SLEEVES



**STEP 4**

CUT THROUGH THE FRONT AND BACK LAYERS TO CREATE A ROW OF STRIPS 1 INCH WIDE AND 3 INCHES LONG AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHIRT



**STEP 5**

TIE ALL THE CUT STRIPS AT THE BOTTOM TOGETHER TO SECURE THE FRONT AND BACK LAYERS TO EACHOTHER.

**STEP 6**

FLIP THE NEW TOTE RIGHT SIDE OUT! PUT SOMETHING IN TO TEST YOUR KNOTS HOLD AND YOU'RE FINISHED!