

# Make your own re-usable gift bag

Congratulations on joining the re-use movement and making your own re-usable gift bag.

You can find unwanted textiles and trim at local op shops - check out our op shop map [nelson.govt.nz/op-shops](http://nelson.govt.nz/op-shops)



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# Your instructions:

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Take your pre-cut recycled fabric and fold it in half with right sides together.

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Stitch both sides together using a 1.5cm seam allowance. Reverse at the beginning and end of the stitching on both sides to stop them from unraveling.

3



Leave the bag inside out and iron the top edge over 1cm towards the wrong side, keeping side seams open.

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Iron the top edge again towards the wrong side, 2cm this time.

5



Measure the middle of one side of the bag equal distance from each side seam. This will be the position of the hole for the ribbon to come out.

6



Stitch around the 'folded over' top edge about 2mm from the edge leaving a hole approximately 3cm across. Reverse at the beginning and end of the stitching. This forms the casing for ribbon.

7



Secure the safety pin through a double layer of the ribbon at one end.

8



Thread the ribbon through the casing, taking care to leave a reasonable length showing at the entry hole.

9



Once you get to the other hole, pull the ends of the ribbon gently to make them even and then tie the ends together.

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Fill with treats, tie the ribbon and enjoy.



## Ways to personalise your bags:

- Attach a label to the bag to show the recipient's name.
- Add a piece of shell to the ribbon.
- Use Velcro or a button at the top and fold over, instead of ribbon to close it.



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