## How to make a Tea Towel Tote Bag

Everyone is trying is to reduce the need for plastic bags, so why not whip up some cute tea towel tote bags to shop in style.

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| **Step 1** | Choose a pretty tea towel – you can usually find brand new tea towels at the Op Shop for less than $2.<br><br>You will also need:<br><br>Twill Tape (can be found at Spotlight)<br>Erasable Fabric Marker or Fabric Pencil<br>Pins            Scissors<br>Ruler          Sewing Machine |  |
| **Step 2** | Fold the tea towel in half lengthways, with the right sides facing out |  |
| **Step 3** | Using a ruler, rule a line 10 centimetres in from each edge using a fabric marker. Turn the tea towel over and repeat this on the other side too |  |
| **Step 4** | Measure the length of the line – now it's time for some simple maths.<br><br>To cut the twill tape straps – Take the length of the ruled line and double it, and then add 50 centimetres (for the curve of the handle).<br><br>Cut two separate straps at this length |  |
| **Step 5** | Line up the straps against the ruled line and securely pin into place on both sides. |  |

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| **Step 6** | Using your sewing machine, sew the straps onto the tea towel. Make sure to sew along both sides of the twill tape |  |
| **Step 7** | Fold your tea towel in half lengthwise again, but this time with the right sides facing together.<br>Make sure that your handles line up nicely together and pin both side seams together |  |
| **Step 8** | Sew a straight line of stitching down both sides of the tea towel to create a bag |  |
| **Step 9** | To hide the cut edges of the twill tape, sew a straight line of stitching along the bottom of your bag approximately 1 centimetre in from the bottom |  |
| **Step 10** | Turn your bag back out to the right way and head to the shops! |  |