

# Bag It – Reducing and Reusing



Learn about reusing resource instead of simply throwing them away. Design your own reusable bag, with the option of using an iron-on transfer to turn the design into a reality.

**Ages:** All ages

**Time:** 30 – 60 minutes

## Materials Needed:

Internet access, bag clipart, Graphic design software, canvas bag (optional), iron on transfers (optional)

## Instructions:

1. Watch one or all of the following episodes, which relay the science behind our consumer choices and the importance of reducing and reusing resources.
  - a. [Battle of the Bags](#)
  - b. [Meet the Greens: Reuse Episode](#) and [Smelly Episode](#)
2. Divide members into groups and have them create a design to promote the use of re-usable shopping bags. Encourage teams to use a template to

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create a rough sketch before beginning the design process on the computer. (A black and white clip art is provided for a template.) They can use words, clip art or their own artwork.

3. When teams have completed their designs, give them the option of printing their work for display at the Club or to take home.
4. If iron-on transfers are going to be used, allow extra time for ironing and cooling.

## Extension Activities:

This activity can be used by youth leadership clubs as a fundraiser. The Club may design several bags, produce them and sell them to raise funds for a local charity of their choice. They may also choose to promote different ways to reduce and reuse resources through the sale.

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