

# JANOME



## UPCYCLED OLD T-SHIRT BAG

### Requirements

- T-shirt
- Scissors
- Fabric Marker
- Ruler
- Tape measure
- Pins / Fabric clips
- Cording or Ribbon
- Sewing Thread to match T-shirt
- Bobbin wound with same thread
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Sewing Machine
- Standard Zig Zag foot
- Buttonhole foot

### Directions:

1. Lay out the shirt then fold one sleeve over onto the other so that the shirt is in half-length ways. (Follow Red fold line on diagram A)
2. Cut off the sleeves and the neckline to become the opening and the handles of the bag. (Note: Depending on the shirt size you may need to adjust the cut lines to suit your bags use.) (Follow Blue cut lines on diagram A)
3. With the shirt folded mark the centre front with a fabric marker.
4. Next mark the positions for the buttonholes that will become the points to feed the cording through when gathering the bottom of the bag.
5. Position the buttonholes 1/2" either side of the centre marking .
6. Measure up 1.5" from the hem line and mark this point at the cross section to the centre shirt marking.
7. Sew one buttonhole either side of the centre marking. Leave approximately 1/2" between the two buttonholes while starting the buttonholes at the horizontal marking and working back towards the bottom of the shirts original hem line.
8. Cut open the buttonholes before the next step to make sure you don't cut through all layers once complete.
9. Fold the hem of the original shirt up 1" so that the buttonholes are backed. Press.
10. Lay the shirt in half so that one buttonhole is either side and the shirt front and back will then be folded in half. You will also be able to line up the sleeve holes to ensure the bag will sit correctly when in use.
11. Sew with a triple straight stitch across the base to create the casing and base of the bag.
12. To strengthen the handles and opening of the bag stitch around the edges with a triple straight stitch or triple zig zag. (Note: T-shirt fabric does not fray so this step is not crucial if you don't feel it necessary.)
13. Feed the cording or ribbon around the base of the bag to gather in the base.
14. Your bag is now complete and ready for use.

