

Recycled T-Shirt Tote Bag

*Presented by the Perry County
Extension Homemakers*

Materials:

-  T-shirt
-  Fabric scissors or Rotary cutter
-  Tape measure or ruler
-  Cutting mat or flat table
-  Chalk or fabric marker

Step 1: Remove the Sleeves

-  Lay the T-shirt flat on a table or cutting mat.
-  Cut off both sleeves along the seam where the sleeves connect to the shirt.



Step 2: Cut the Neckline

-  Measure about 2.5 inches from the collar on each side.
-  Carefully cut around the collar to make the neckline wider.
-  Cut about 1-2 inches below the original collar.
-  You can shape the neckline round or square, depending on your preference.



Step 3: Make a Guide Line

— Imagine or lightly draw a horizontal line across the front of the shirt, a few inches above the bottom hem.

This line will show where your fringe will stop.

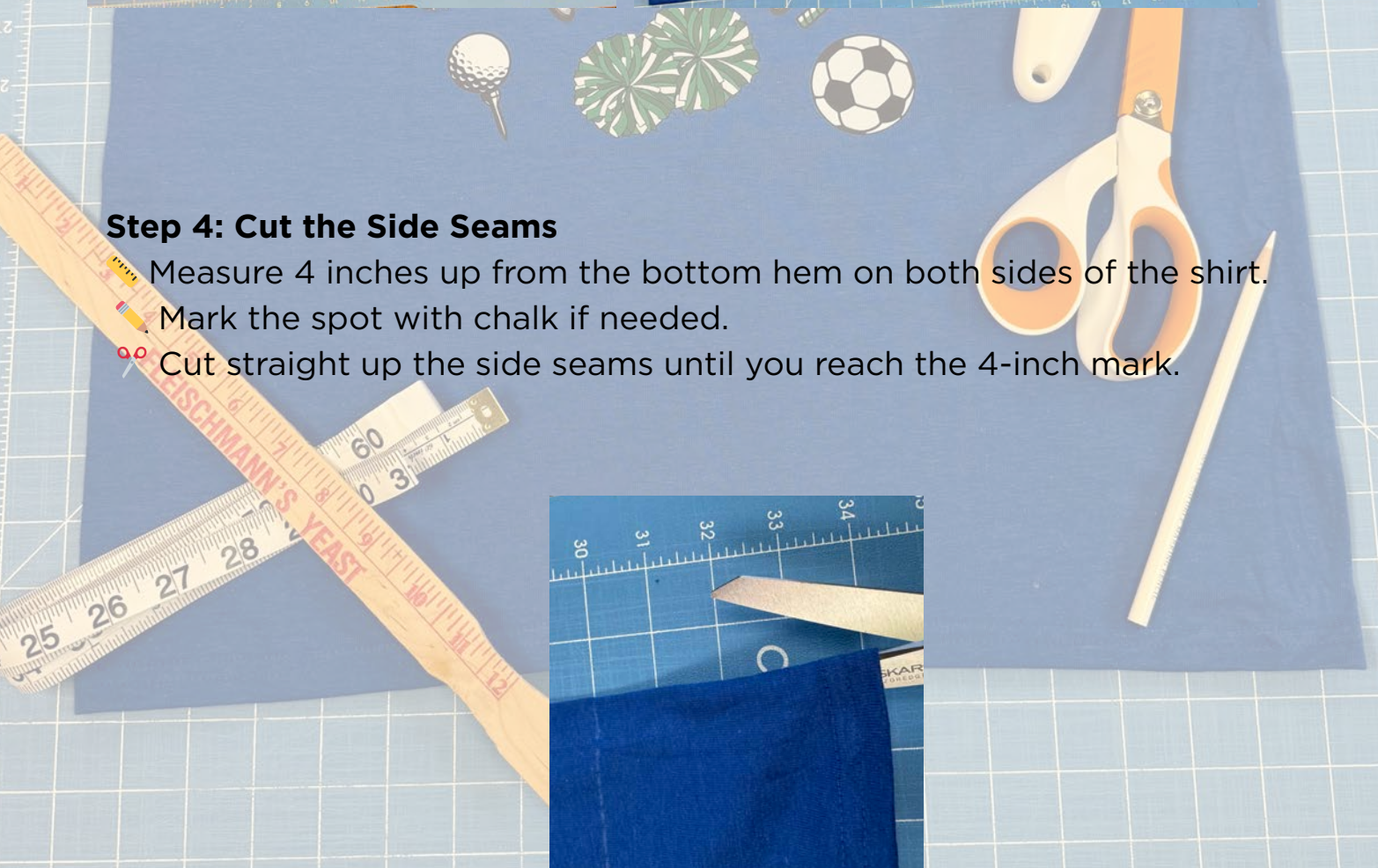


Step 4: Cut the Side Seams

Measure 4 inches up from the bottom hem on both sides of the shirt.

Mark the spot with chalk if needed.

Cut straight up the side seams until you reach the 4-inch mark.

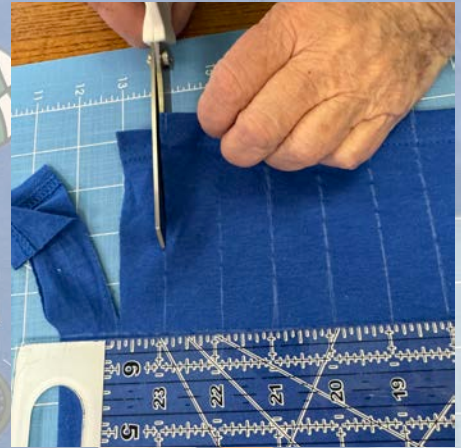
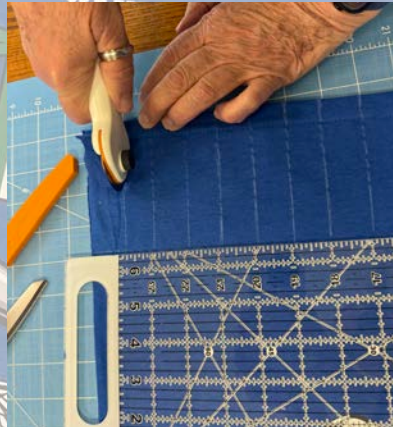


Step 5: Cut the Fringe

Starting at the bottom hem, cut vertical strips up to the guide line you made earlier.

Each strip should be about 1 inch wide.

Continue cutting strips across the entire bottom of the shirt.



Step 6: Tie the Fringe

Take one strip from the front and the matching strip from the back.

Tie them together using a double knot.

Continue tying the strips across the whole bottom of the shirt.



No Fringe Style

Steps 1-5 the same as above

Step 6: Tie the Fringe

- Turn the shirt inside out.
- Take two 1-inch fringe strips and tie them together using a double knot.
- Continue double knotting the fringe strips across the bottom of the shirt.
- When finished, turn the shirt right side out again.



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