

RE//purpose and RE//use

SUPPLIES:

1. A variety of plastic grocery or shopping bags
2. Electric Iron
3. Parchment paper
4. Thin cotton fabric
5. Sewing pins
6. Thread and needle (you can use a sewing machine too.)
7. Ruler
8. Scissors
9. Exacto knife with extra blades
10. Zipper or buttons (from Jo-Ann Fabrics or Amazon)
11. Markers, pencils, and/or pens
12. Sketchbook

The RE//purpose and RE//use project will ask students to create useful (longterm) items out of repurposed plastic shopping bags. Students will be challenged with the task of thinking about how to form a useful product that is practical, ergonomically designed, aesthetically pleasing, and made of recycled plastic.

Step No. 1:

GATHER MATERIALS- Collect a variety of assorted plastic bags of different sizes and colors. Buy materials needed for this project and bring them to class.

Step No. 2:

SKETCH- Sketch a variety of tote bag designs. In the class we will be making one large tote bag and two small items (i.e. pencil bag & change purse). You will need to make a paper mock up of your tote bag before you begin making it, this will help when you go to create your plastic bag!

Step No. 3:

WATCH & CREATE- Take your paper tote bag and transfer the measurements to your plastic bag. Start fusing and make your bags!

DEMOS:

5 YouTube Videos + Tote bag design templates.

YouTube video links will be attached for students to follow along step-by-step. These videos will guide them through the project providing students with a variety of techniques:

- working with materials
- designing different types of bags
- sewing demos
- fusing plastic

There will be links also provided by the instructor for Tote bag templates.

Tentative Project Calendar:

M | Aug 3 - Watch Video No. 1: Intro to the Class/Project & Video No. 2: Tote Bag Designs;
Sketch out Tote Bag Design and make paper mock-up.

T | Aug 4 - Watch Video No. 3: Fusing Plastic Technique; Make Plastic sheets for your bag
and small items.

W | Aug 5 - Watch Video No. 4: Creating a Tote Bag and Sewing Start assembling your bag
and sewing it together.

H | Aug 6 - Watch Video No. 5: Adding handles and Other Plastic Bag design Ideas; Work on
you large Tote Bag and Start on your smaller item

F | Aug 7 - Finish your Tote Bag and Small Item; Finish up your work and submit your project
pictures!

