

# How to make a reusable produce bag



## Materials and equipment needed

- Fabric – something very light and preferably see through. We used old net curtains which were perfect and a great reuse option.
- Draw String – 3mm is good but any old string you have lying around will do the trick. You will need 65cm for a small bag and 85 for a large bag.
- Plastic Bag Free Wanaka tag.

## Instructions

### *Cut the fabric to size:*

- Small bag: for a finished bag measuring 26cm<sup>2</sup> start with a piece of fabric 56 x 30 (fold in half on short edge).
- Larger bags: for a finished bag measuring 35cm<sup>2</sup> start with a piece of fabric 70 x 37 (fold in half on short edge).

### *French seams*

- Sew both long sides together in 0.5cm seams. (Fig i)
- Pin or sew the tag to the side seam with the raw edge to stitching line. (Fig ii). Turn bag inside out.
- Resew down the seams enclosing the original seam inside the new one. (Fig iii)
- Turn bag right way out (tag will be on the outside).

### *Top hem*

- Turn down to the outside of the bag the top edge, 0.5 cm and stitch in place.
- Turn down (to the outside) a further 1.5cm for drawstring casing. (Fig iv)
- Leaving a gap of approximately 1.5cm on the outside of the bag, sew down the top casing over the folded edge.

### *Drawstring*

- Thread drawstring through the casing and tie the ends together in an overhand knot. (Fig v)

## Voila your bag is ready for use!

Don't forget to take it with you the next time you go shopping

These instructions are available for download on Plastic Bag Free Wanaka's website.

[www.plasticbagfreewanaka.org.nz](http://www.plasticbagfreewanaka.org.nz)

These instructions remain the property of Plastic Bag Free Wanaka and are not for commercial use without permission.

**Fig i**



**Fig ii**



**Fig iii**



**Fig iv**



**Fig v**

