

Bags Life Stories Cards

Fabric bags	Plastic bags	Paper bags
Making	Making	Making
Many fabrics used for bags come from plants.	Plastic for plastic bags is made from oil	Most paper for bags comes from trees
The plants are harvested using machinery	Oil is extracted from oil wells using machinery	Trees are cut down using machinery
Transport of plants to factory to extract the fibres and make fabric	Oil is transported to oil refinery and then to plastic making factory	Transport from tree plantations to wood mill and then to paper factory
Energy and water are needed to extract the fibres and make fabric	Heat and machinery are needed to make plastic from oil and to make the plastic bags.	Heat, water, chemicals are needed to change wood into paper
Transport to factory to make fabric and then to the factory to make the bags	Transport of plastic to factory to make bags. Energy is needed to make the plastic bags.	Transport from paper factory to make bags
Transport from bag factory to warehouses and shops	Transport from bag factory to warehouses and shops	Transport from bag factory to warehouses and shops

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Using	Using	Using
Fabric bags can be used to carry many things Some are strong	Thin plastic bags can be used to carry many things	Paper bags are useful to carry many things
Fabric bags - can be heavy and bulky - not easy to store a large number - not easy to transport	Plastic bags are - light and can be stacked - easy to store a large number - easy to transport	Paper bags - can be light and can be stacked - easy to store a large number - easy to transport

Commentaire [MF1]:

Fabric bags	Plastic bags	Paper bags
After Use	After Use	After Use
Fabric bags can be reused many times	Often thrown away after a single use	Often thrown away after a single use
May be washed and repaired if damaged	Collected with rubbish.	Collected with rubbish
The fabric may be used to make something else	The plastic may be recycled	May go to landfill,
May be composted after use	Much plastic goes to landfill	Some paper may be recycled