

# Plastic Bags

<b>MAKING</b>	Plastic for plastic bags is made from oil	Heat and machinery are needed to make plastic from oil and to make the plastic bags
	Oil is extracted from oil wells using machinery	Transport of plastic to factory to make bags
	Transport of oil to the oil refinery	Energy is needed to make the plastic bags
	Transport of refined oil to plastic making factory	Transport from bag factory to warehouses and shops
<b>USING</b>	Thin plastic bags can be used to carry many things	Plastic bags are light and easy to stack and store
	Thin plastic bags can be used to carry many things	Plastic bags are easy to transport
<b>AFTER USE</b>	Plastic bags are often thrown away after a single use. They may cause litter	The plastic may be recycled. Heat and machinery are needed for recycling
	Plastic bags may be collected with rubbish and transported to recycling centres	The plastic bags may be sent to landfill

# Fabric Bags

<b>MAKING</b>	Many fabrics used for bags come from plants like cotton or hemp	Energy and water are needed to extract the fibres and make fabric
	The plants are harvested using machinery	Transport of the fabric to the factory to make the bags
	Transport of plants to factory to extract the fibres and make fabric	Transport from bag factory to warehouses and shops
<b>USING</b>	Fabric bags can be used to carry many things	Fabric bags can be heavy and bulky It may be difficult to store a large number
	Some fabric bags are strong	Fabric bags may be difficult to transport
	Bags made from materials like straw and hemp may be lined with other fabrics	Fabric bags may have plastic coating to make them waterproof
<b>AFTER USE</b>	Fabric bags can be reused many times	The fabric may be used to make something else
	Fabric bags may be washed and repaired if damaged	Fabric bags may be composted after use

# Paper Bags

<b>MAKING</b>	Most paper for bags comes from trees	Heat, water, chemicals are needed to change wood into paper
	Trees are cut down using machinery	Transport from paper factory to make bags
	Transport from tree plantations to wood mill and then to paper factory	Transport from bag factory to warehouses and shops
<b>USING</b>	Paper bags are useful to carry many things	Paper bags may be light and easily stacked
	Paper bags are not waterproof	Easy to store a large number and easy to transport
	Paper bags may tear	Paper bags may be coated in plastic materials
<b>AFTER USE</b>	Paper bags may be re-used	Paper bags may go to landfill
	Paper bags are often thrown away after a single use	Some paper bags may be composted
	Paper bags may be collected with rubbish	Some paper may be transported to be recycled using heat and water.