

# Reusable Bag Project

## Service Project for 2016 CA State Fashion Revue

We will showcase our newly acquired 4H sewing skills by sewing Reusable Bags from Repurposed Materials to be donated throughout our Great State of California. 4H members sewing for the greater good to educate citizens on the environmental problems associated with single use paper and plastic bags. Let's ignite a *Reusable Bag Habit* from Northern to Southern CA.

We will

- **Sew bags** out of repurposed fabric e.g., tablecloths, sheets, feed bags, or scrap fabric. (Links to Patterns follow).
- **Attach tags to each bag** designed to educate the public on 4H, Head, Hands, Heart, & Health and the environmental problems with single use paper and plastic bags. (Tag template follows).
- **Distribute bags locally** throughout your county wherever you feel they will have the biggest impact. (List of local Cal Recycle representatives follows to assist you with your distribution plan).
- **Record your County's Reusable Bag Project Progress** in pictures and video and send to us so we can compile and share our success during CA State Fashion Revue!
- **#CA4HFashionRevueService** – Post to social media using this hashtag so we can watch our progress together.

Skill level: Beginning to Intermediate

Supplies needed:

- Thread
- Repurposed Material (sheets, table cloths, feed bags, get creative!) or Scrap Fabric (Sheet to bolt yardage conversions follows).
- Paper to print CA 4H mission statement tags that will be attached to each bag.

Instructions:

- Sew as many bags as you can using your pattern choice. Links for simple reusable bag patterns with instructions follow. 1 twin sheet can make at least 6 bags!
- Attach CA 4H mission statement tag to each bag.
- Distribute bags in your community.

Where do we deliver the bags we make?

- Distribute in your county, here are some suggestions...  
Set a goal to make 50, 100, 200, or more bags to distribute in your community.  
Talk to your local recycling coordinator to help you promote our reusable bag project.  
Distribute bags where they will make the most impact.

Questions, pictures and videos to Elizabeth & Tianna Weiland at: [Hilltoppers4HLeaders@gmail.com](mailto:Hilltoppers4HLeaders@gmail.com)

**Thank you for using your sewing talents to  
help ignite California's spark to end the  
waste of single-use bags!**



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