World Oceans Day:  
Make the Better Bag Promise

Traditional plastic bags have a negative impact on the environment. Plastic bags pollute the environment, harm wildlife, and use limited resources during manufacturing. Reduce waste by transitioning away from plastic bags -- make a reusable bag using old materials found at home.

Make the better bag promise and pledge to use reusable bags into the future!

Items Needed
- An old and clean T-shirt
- Fabric scissors

Step One: Fold the shirt in half and ensure the sleeves are lined up and even with one another. Then, cut off the sleeves along the inside of the seam. You are left with a tank top.

Step Two: Cut the neck into a deep U-shape. This will become the handles of the bag.
Step Three: Turn the shirt inside out. Make sure bottom edges are smooth and lined up.

Step Four: Cut three or four 1-inch strips about a ½ inch apart along the bottom of the shirt to create fringe.

Step Five: Tie each top and bottom pair of strips together to create the bottom of the bag. After the knot is tied, keep the top and bottom strip separated, this will help for the next step.
Step Six: To fill in the gaps between the knots, tie a second row of knots using the top strip and the bottom strip of the adjacent knot. The knots should be tight. Once complete, tie a double knot on the outer ends to reinforce.

Step Seven: Turn the shirt inside out -- you now have a new tote bag that is ready to go anywhere!

Happy World Oceans Day!