# Recycled Rag Rug

This is a really fun and creative way to recycle old clothes with your child. You can make a beautiful room accessory while learning about recycling!

**You will need:**

A large hoop

Lots of old shirts and T-shirts

Sharp scissors

**Instructions:**

1. Begin by cutting your old clothes into strips ready to be weaved. For the T-shirts, cut horizontally across the width (these pieces will be used to make the frame of your weave).
2. Take 11 strips cut from the T-shirts. Stretch the first strip across the hoop. Turn the hoop slightly and then place the next strip on. Do this until you have placed all 11 strips on the hoop. You need an odd number of warps (the fabric spokes).
3. Now begin weaving. Take your first strip of fabric and wrap it around one of the warps (the spokes) at the centre of the circle.
4. Weave over and under each of the spokes in a circle, making sure they fit snuggly together.
5. Once you come to the end of your strip of fabric, attach another one by tying them together. Continue spreading the fabric around the circle. Do not weave the fabric too tightly as this can cause curves and bumps preventing it from sitting flat on the floor.
6. When your rug reaches the size you want it to be, simply tie the fabric strip to the nearest spoke.
7. Then, cut each warp off the hoop, one at a time, and tie the ends in pairs against the rug. You can leave the ties on display to create a tasselled look or trim the ends and tuck them into the rug.