

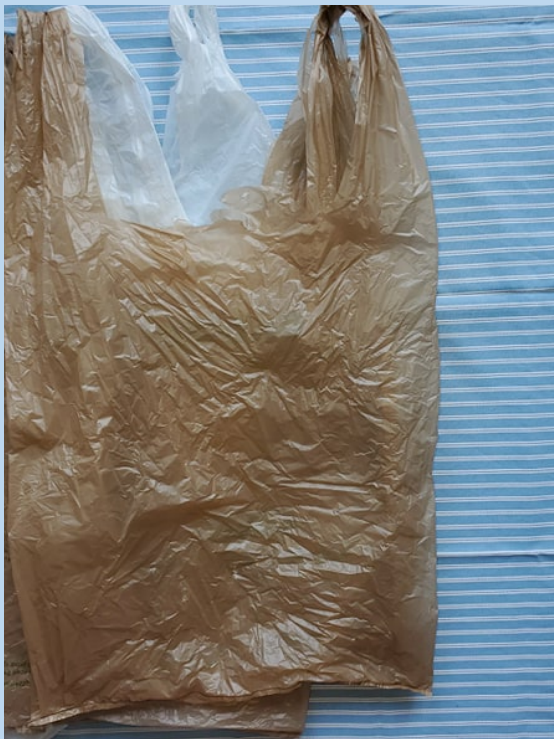
HOW TO MAKE 'PLARN' (PLASTIC YARN)



If you enjoy crafting with found materials, then this might be the tutorial you're looking for! Today we're going to look at how to take plastic bags and turn them into plastic yarn, otherwise known as plarn, that you can use for crafting and crocheting.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Plastic Bags
- Scissors



STEP 1

- Flatten your bag out as much as possible!
- Take your scissors and trim the bottom of the bag where the plastic is attached together



- Now trim the top at the lowest point so you get rid of the handles, and are left with a nice straight edge.



STEP 2

- You should have a flat rectangle of plastic!
- With the open end facing you, fold this rectangle in half, hamburger style.



- Smooth it out, and you should have a smaller rectangle now!



STEP 3

- Take that smaller rectangle and fold it in half again.



STEP 4

- Fold it one more time!



STEP 5

- With your long skinny piece of folded plastic, trim the ends on both sides so your edges are (mostly) neat.
- Make sure the folded edge is facing you, it makes cutting a lot easier!



STEP 6

- Now it's time to cut our 'yarn'!
- Cut out approx. 1 in. pieces of your plastic.



STEP 7

- You should have lots of little pieces that open up into loops.
- Start with two of your plastic loops.



STEP 8

- Line up the ends of two pieces next to each other.
- Pull one end (R) through the other (L) from underneath.

STEP 9

- Pull that end through halfway, then take the other end of that Right piece and pull it through.



- Pull that opposite end all the way through to make a knot and pull it tight!



* Be gentle when pulling and working your loops into a knot. The plastic could tear and then it can't be used.

STEP 10

- Now that you have two loops tied together, get another loop and keep repeating steps 8 & 9.



You can use all of the same type of bag to get one color ball of plarn, or mix different plastics together to create a multicolor plarn.

You can crochet and craft with plarn just like regular yarn, so go forth and be creative!

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