

Tunisian Recycled Plastic Bag Coaster Pattern



Materials:

Plastic Bag Yarn (instructions can be found below.)

Afghan Hook Size K (or you could use a regular crochet hook, but it is more difficult to keep the stitches on the hook)

Pattern:

Chain 14

Row 1: Insert hook in second chain and do a forward pass LOOSELY to prevent curling. Then follow by a return row.

Row 2: Insert hook into first vertical bar and do a forward pass. Follow by a return row.

Row 3-10: Repeat Row 2.

Finish off by weaving in ends.

Instructions for cutting plastic bags & creating recycled plastic yarn

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This process is a great way to recycle those old plastic bags into something useful. You can crochet or knit a cool tote bag similar to reusable totes that are sold.

Cutting

Lay recycled bag out flat



Fold in half lengthwise then fold in half again



Cut off top handles



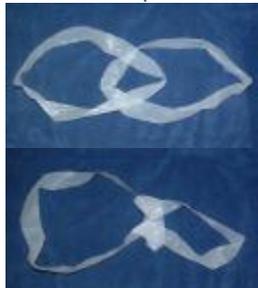
Cut bag in strips about 1 inch wide or as desired



Set aside the end of bag where bottom edge was glued. The ends and the handles can be recycled either as stuffing for other projects, packing material for shipping, or taken to your local recycling bin for plastic bags.

Tying strips together

Take two strips and inter-twine together as shown



Gently pull on ends to knot two strips together



Connect next strip to last strip in the same manner



Continue connecting strips until you have a large ball of plastic yarn



Tips:

Pull ends evenly to create a smooth and flat strip.

If you find your strip doesn't lie flat between knots, you didn't pull evenly which creates a bunched strip. Just make sure your strip is even before you pull your knot tight between the two connected strips. To fix a bunched strip, just loosen your knot between the strips then pull on the ends again to make your strip flat and smooth.