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## Get Back to the Good Tote bag (*thela*):

### What can we do?

- Keep a Cloth *Thela*, *Jhola* or a Tote-bag if you may, in your car, at your office and a couple at home. In fact fold a smart fabric bag into your purse as well. Use them for shopping, and refuse plastic bags from shop keepers.
- Make a few yourself from bright fabric cuttings and used clothing.
- Encourage corporate, shops to hand out cloth bag freebies to customers with their logo and EcoAmritsar or other NGO logos.
- Wake up super-markets, Malls, the neighbourhood grocery store to go recycled *khaki* paper or cloth bags.

### Get more ideas on how to make these as art and crafting these cloth bags:

- How to make a Tote Bag [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- Tote Bag [Designs](#) and [Styles](#)

### Do you know?

- Plastic is the biggest blocker of drains, and therefore cause of flooding in streets.
- Plastic take 100's of years to degenerate, and hardly 1% is recycled.
- Majority of horrific visible waste in the city is from plastic carry bags.
- Plastic bags kill hundreds of cows each year, apart from other animals.
- Just one cloth bag, will eliminate the need for more than 1000 poly bags! You save trees and you save millions of litres of petroleum imports.

Switch to reusable grocery and shopping bags, and applaud yourself for being environmentally aware.

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