

# How to Prep Grocery Bags for Homeless Mats

These instructions are for the standard light weight grocery bags, usually gray, brown, or white, such as Kroger, Walmart (dark gray), Tom Thumb, CVS, and Dollar Tree.

**Step 1: Make sure that the bag is right-side out. Place bag on the table and flatten the bottom seam and straighten the handles with sides tucked in.**



**Step 2: Fold the bag in half. You can stack up several bags and fold to cut multiple at the same time.**



**Step 3: Cut off handles completely about 1.5" below the curve so you have a straight even cut. Cut bottom seam off about an inch from bottom being certain to cut off the entire seam. Recycle (or trash) the handles and ends. The remaining piece will be between 9 -11 inches. Please bring these pieces to the church office to make the plan for the mats.**



