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WASH THOSE REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS!

When I design and make a reusable shopping tote for a customer I always have in mind that it should be washable in the regular wash cycle of any washing machine, or at least hand washable because reusable shopping bags can harbor bacteria. The totes that I make can be tossed in with a load of towels. I turn my totes wrong side out when I put them in the washing machine, and then line dry, never put one in a dryer. In between machine washings, or for hand washing, I use a soapy sponge and wipe dry with a towel. The unlined totes I make from feedbags makes the best shopping bags and easiest to keep clean!

If you are reading this online, click on picture below to watch the video and listen to doctor Susan Rehm. I couldn't believe what I heard on that video, they say that 97% of shoppers admitted they had never washed their reusable bags!

"Reusable grocery bags can become contaminated if you're not careful. Susan Rehm, MD, treats infectious diseases at Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Rehm says meats are a common contamination culprit and she gives consumers tips to avoid illness from contaminated grocery bags."

If you are reading this offline and want to know the website-address to look at this video, here it is:

<http://scopeblog.stanford.edu/2012/07/27/video-reusable-grocery-bags-can-harbor-bacteria/>

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, VIDEOS

Video: Reusable grocery bags can harbor bacteria

John Stafford on July 27th, 2012 | No Comments



Here's something utterly nauseating I hadn't before considered: Apparently reusable grocery bags can harbor bacteria. Meat products, according to this Cleveland Clinic video, are a common source of contamination - and commingling meat and produce in the same bag can lead to cross contamination. If you, too, shop with reusable bags, the video offers some useful tips for reducing the risk of contamination.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go scour some bags.



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Upcycling the Starbucks commercial size silver coffee bags make a great LAUNDRY HAMPER!



I designed and made this laundry hamper for a customer who is giving to her daughter for a housewarming gift.



I made it 16" square and 20" tall with lid that has sewn on hook-n-loop closure at the front of the lid.



The handles are built-in on the sides. The handles are my own design that I call "finger-tuck" handles.

The lettering is appliqué colored coffee bags that I made orange by request of customer.

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