

# How to STENCIL PRINT A REUSABLE BAG

## *you will need*

- **A reusable shopping bag** - we love the cotton kind.
- **Paint** - we've used acrylic paint, but if you plan on washing your bag, you may opt to use a fabric print or add a fabric medium to your acrylic paint.
- **A paint brush** (or piece of old sponge will work too)
- **A scrap piece of paper** or something to place inside the bag to stop your print from bleeding through.
- **A craft knife**
- **A cutting mat or a surface you can cut your stencil out on.** Don't ruin your kitchen bench - your housemates (or your mum) won't be happy with you.



## *how to print your stencil*

1. Start by downloading and printing our stencils at: [griffith.edu.au/whats-on/enviro-events](http://griffith.edu.au/whats-on/enviro-events)
2. Using a craft knife, carefully cut out the black area of the laurel (including the rectangle in the centre) and letter you'd like to stencil.
3. Iron your reusable bag to make sure the surface will be fully flat. Place a piece of paper inside the bag so that the paint won't bleed through to the other side. Work on a hard surface, and lay your bag out as smoothly as you can.
4. Start with your letter stencil. Position this on the centre of your bag.
5. Using a dry brush (or a piece of old sponge), dab your paint over the stencil areas. Try to do this in a straight up and down motion, rather than dragging your brush along the stencil. Do this gently and slowly to ensure your stencil won't move or rip. Once you've covered the stencil area, carefully remove it, making sure not to smudge your print as you do.
6. Allow the letter print to dry before repeating this process with your laurel print. The rectangle in the middle of the laurel acts as a guide to centre it over your initial.

