

Recycling coffee sacks: Students' reflections

"I liked sewing because you can sit around the circle and do our sewing together and it is really fun to sew."

"Sewing the finished product altogether – I never thought that I would be able to sew a bag this complex."

"I enjoyed learning different stitches and decorating and at the end I was really happy with the result because it took a long time to make and it was very hard to make the bag."

"I had loads of fun when I was stitching the sides of my bag trying to imagine what it was going to look like at the end of it."

"I found stitching my hem was a challenge trying to remember to pick up one thread. It was easy to pick up more but after a while I got the hang of it."

"Sitting with your friends and talking while stitching the hems and the side seams was the most enjoyable part about making my bag."

"I like painting in my stencil because I love painting and I love art. It made my bag stand out as well."

"I enjoyed sewing the bag the most as when I grow up I want to be in the fashion industry so it's good to learn how to sew. I enjoyed sewing the hem and the handle the most because they were challenging and I wanted a challenge."

"The part I enjoyed the most was when we got to all go and pick our decorations to glue or draw on our bag."

"The challenge was when we had to sew up my bag because I had to keep undoing it because I had done the wrong stitch or I had gone wonky."

"I felt the most enjoyable part of making my bag was putting all together stitching the seams together and the handle but you have to be really precise where you are stitching."

"Making the newspaper copy was very hard and fiddly it would keep ripping and you had to glue lots, it was very challenging but I made it through."