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Tips:

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- Donate or sell. This minimises the impact clothing has on the environment.
- Not good enough to donate or sell? Can you make something new out of it? Would it make a good cleaning cloth or duster?
- Make do and mend workshops can give ideas on how to be creative and make something unique.
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- How about making something new for Christmas? Here's a link for a video showing you how to make a new Christmassy bag using pre-used fabrics. There's lots of ideas.
- Don't put textiles in your recycling bin!
- Got a jumper that was handmade? Can the wool be reused? Got bits of wool hanging around? Consider a knitting challenge where your wool and your skill can be used. Inspire libraries include lots of options for knitting, crochet and craft in libraries
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