



Alisha - Fruit and veg bags reduce single-use plastics

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Alisha's words and opinions.

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wasn't really sure what I wanted to achieve this year until I was at Coles and walking through and thinking that the amount of plastic bags to put fruit in is a waste. Last year I learned that there are a lot of plastic bags in the ocean and animals die from it. I did a lot of research with my mum, then I made cotton bags. You put fruit in them, tie them up, put them in the fridge then wash them and do that over and over again to reduce plastic. I worked with my mum and she contributed by getting the fabric for me and doing the overlocking because I can't do that.

How have you promoted your idea?

I shared my work with the community at a stall that they had for kids in the community. I didn't sell them but I took orders for them so now I'll go make a bunch.

What challenges did you face?

The lack of support from my Principal because normally we would get help from her. Instead, I went to my mum and she helped me do it.

What will happen now?

Family members and friends want some, so I've got to make more. I'll continue spreading the word about pollution and then telling people they can change it by getting reusable stuff instead of using single-use only plastic.

Advice for other students

Know how to sew first. I did but sometimes if you don't know how to sew it can be hard. Keep going!

Your favourite part?

Going to Spotlight to choose all the different material that corresponds to the fruits and choosing colours.