



Recyclist Workshop

UpCycling Fashion



Since 2012, Recyclist Workshop has given textile fibers a new life. We create streetwear with a fresh look and the added bonus of sustainability through the Cradle to Cradle principle. Our collections boast great versatility while our purist design and special manufacturing process renders our garments timeless and genuinely unique.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

Cradle to Cradle is beneficial to the environment and our customers. The production of recycled fiber saves resources and is gentle on the environment. If customers prefer to be role models rather than make a mere step in the right direction, they can set their own targets in sustainability for their favorite items from Recyclist workshop. Sweaters, hats or scarfs – any garment bought from us can be returned to us at the end of its life and we'll be sure to return it to the recycling loop. As a token of our gratitude, customers will receive a discount on their next purchase. Talking about a good deal for the wallet and the environment!

OUR MATERIALS

Although the trend towards organic cotton is certainly a positive step, cotton fiber is responsible for massive water and energy consumption. For us, this is all the more reason not to envision the future of the textile industry in conventional processing of increasing numbers of commodities but to completely devote ourselves to using recycled fibers. As a result, we avoid huge amounts of waste, save thousands of gallons of water and reduce CO₂ emissions.





OUR RECYCLED YARN

For our knitwear collection, we process a yarn made from 100% recycled fibers. A perfect blend of 70% recycled cotton and 30% recycled plastic bottles allows us to dispense with virgin fibers.

OUR RECYCLED FLEECE

For our fleece collection, we use fabrics made from coarsely shredded textile waste. Eliminating complex separation processes, production waste is directly channeled back into fabrics production. This method allows us to return any of our clothes back into the recycling loop at the end of their lives. Based on the Cradle to Cradle principle, this concept won the 2012 **Federal Eco Design Award** from the Federal Environment Agency, the Ministry of Environment and Conservation and the International Design Center Berlin.





OUR PRODUCTION IS LOCAL

To us, sustainability extends to the entire manufacturing process. Wherever possible, we work with local companies, thus guaranteeing that the strictest labor and environmental standards are adhered to. What's more, using short transport routes, we reduce CO₂ emissions during production. Any step in our manufacturing processes we cannot handle locally will be documented in very transparent and detailed fashion. As a result, our customers will be informed about the entire production cycle of their desired garments, which, in turn, will facilitate informed purchasing decisions.

OUR PASSION

Bikes are our passion. Not only was the idea for our label hatched in a bicycle repair shop, but we also can think of no better symbol that so perfectly combines vitality and responsible lifestyle. The fact that we see the future of urban mobility inextricably bound up with bikes is also reflected in our designs. We create practical styles for the “Biking Commuter” and transform chain links and bicycle tubes into pieces of handsome detail.

To take our passion to the world, we launched the Recyclist Workshop Upcycling team in summer 2015. Decked out in novel jerseys made from recycled PET, our team can be found practicing throughout the year on tours in Thuringia and participating in races of the RAD RACE series.





OUR DISPATCH DEPARTMENT

Unfortunately, online retail tends to be among the primary contributors to increased volumes of packaging waste. To lessen environmental impact even in this area, we have developed our own packaging system that dispenses entirely with plastics. We exclusively use packaging made of cardboard and paper, most of which is made from recycled fibers and completely biodegradable. We ship using either CO₂-neutral parcel services, or - you guessed it - cargo bikes and bike messengers for short distances.

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