

## Source safe and recycled or renewable fibres

- ✓ Safe for the people that make the fibres, and live in the surrounding community
- ✓ Safe for our planet – when created, used and at end of life

Cotton has a natural place in the circular economy. Cotton is biodegradable, renewable and recyclable and it doesn't have the microplastics problem associated with synthetic fabrics. It is also able to be regenerated on cotton farms that have sustainability programs in place, such as the myBMP program in Australia.



## Plan for end of garment life

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## Considered design so that:

- your garments are made to be made again and can have multiple users, consider universal design principles.

Today less than 1% of clothes are recycled into new clothes. This is due to clothing being created without considering its ability to be recycled, for example using complex material blends or hard to separate components. This limits the incentives to invest in the collection and recycling infrastructure, making high levels of recycling difficult to achieve.



- garments are used more.

Design for physical and emotional durability.

“Emotional durability depends on a user valuing a product because of its timelessness, rarity, history, and meaning,”  
Circular Design for Fashion, 2022



- waste is minimised.

Design so that there is less fabric waste utilising zero waster patternmaking or co-design pieces, so that a second garment (or accessory) can be made from the negative shapes of the first design's pattern pieces.



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Manufacturing in Australia? Look for Ethical Clothing Australia accredited manufactures.



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Wrapped in Cotton Resource set 1

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Emotional durability is dependant on \_\_\_\_\_

As a fashion designer, I can ensure my garments are designed for emotional durability by \_\_\_\_\_

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List four ideas to minimise waste during production:



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