

Upcycling magic!

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Katie Roberts picks her favourite waste reduction warriors – designs that turn junk into high-quality, innovative products to divert trash from landfill.
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And Again

Concerned by the fact that producing a single pair of jeans can require over 5,000 litres of water, And Again creates bespoke, sustainable, and unique finds using abandoned and worn-out denim.
www.andagainco.com



Recycle Creative

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Founders James and Tik have developed a range of bags that upcycle tyre inner tubes, providing employment for artisans in developing nations – they're also a great vegan leather alternative.
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www.recyclecreative.com.au



Bottletop

Want a fashion accessory that will win friends and influence people? Check out Bottletop belts and bags: made from upcycled ring pulls, the profits go towards youth empowerment programs. www.bottletop.org

Nurdle in the Rough

What's a nurdle? The plastic debris that the ocean breaks down and washes up on beaches. Designer Kathleen Crabill's turns these unlikely gems into fine jewellery with recycled silver settings.

www.nurdleinthorough.com



Two minutes with ... Kathleen Crabill from Nurdle in the Rough

What's the weirdest item you have upcycled into jewellery? I



would have to say that either a melted plastic broom or a baby doll foot would win that category! I've also worked with construction helmets, a snow shovel, a chair seat, a corona cooler, 5-gallon jugs and bottles.

What drives your passion for upcycling? My desire to protect our oceans. Turning the problem of oceanic plastic pollution on its head, making it into something eye-catching, starts a great deal of conversation. I'm able to engage with strangers and have meaningful conversations about ocean conservation by walking around and wearing fabulous jewellery.

Fabled and True

This sweet little Aussie label takes the hassle out of finding vintage clothes that fit modern body shapes by upcycling secondhand and dead stock fabrics into new designs. Affordable, plus they'll do custom orders.

www.fabledandtrue.com



Katie Roberts is an environmental scientist focused on sustainability education in the fashion industry. www.sustainabilityinstyle.com

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