



## Textile Recycling options in New Zealand

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Mindful Fashion does not support throwing away usable clothing and textiles. We encourage clothing and textiles to be kept in use for as long as possible. This guide is intended to be used for genuine waste only.

### [Textile Products](#) (Recycler - Auckland)

WHAT: Accept any textiles in any condition, but must be decommissioned with all hardware removed.

Can collect in Auckland. Recycled textiles are made into a range of textile products - geotextiles, wadding, felted protective blankets, insulation and underlays. They want to work with businesses to develop useful innovative products using textile waste.

COST: TBD

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### [Little Yellow Bird - Circular Cotton](#) (Collection and Recycling - Wellington)

WHAT: 100% cotton, merino, wool, linen, hemp, silk. This includes natural fibre blends. All socks. No synthetics. Products must be clean. It does not accept any undergarments, shoes, carpets or mattresses.

Little Yellow Bird test and pilot multiple textile recycling solutions, including repairing, up-cycling, down-cycling (into things like pet beds, home insulation and carpet underlay), and also recycling textiles into yarns for new clothing. It also facilitates a collective industry approach to reducing cotton textile waste in NZ. LYB accepts 100% cotton from any business in any condition. It also accepts any and all socks (regardless of composition).

Some waste is sent to Europe to be recycled in a fibre-to-fibre chemical or mechanical recycling process.

COST:

- For smaller businesses - Purchase a Take Back Box online. Box measures 40 x 40 x 60 cm and fits approximately 12-13kg.
- For larger businesses i.e 300kg+ LYB offer an annual membership.

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### [Upparel](#) (Collector and Sorter - Auckland)

WHAT: Accepts most (clean) apparel or textiles are accepted. For an up to date list of what they can and cant accept, see [here](#). Does not have to be decommissioned. Less than 3% of what its receives goes to landfill. Resaleable garments/textiles can be either donated to charity partners on your behalf or upcycled to create sustainable products. Can assist with collection anywhere in NZ with freight and recycling simply invoiced together. Can provide onsite/in-store branded collection bins, monthly collections available in Auckland. Recently launched Uptex, a material made entirely from recycled textile waste.

COST: TBC

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### **REUSE**

#### [Sustainability Options](#)

WHAT: Facilitates reuse of good quality home interior products to those who need them.

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### **UPCYCLING / REMAKERS**

#### [Cirkel Life](#)

WHAT: Mindful Fashion member. Childrenswear brand made using upcycled textile waste.

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#### [Kando](#)

WHAT: Any small scraps ie. textile swatches. Makes children's toys.

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#### [Recreators](#)

WHAT: Upcycling workshops. Interested in any textile waste that is high quality and usable.

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#### [Nicole Van Vuuren](#)

WHAT: Brand that uses offcuts, remnants and scrap fabrics and re-purposes for an upcycled brand.

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#### [Offcut](#)

WHAT: Offcut is a brand that uses offcuts and remnant fabrics and turns them into 5 and 6 panel caps.

Offcut are always looking to collaborate with brands and promote the fact that they choose to do something productive with their waste. Get in touch.

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[Watch MFNZ Rethinking Textile Waste online session here.](#)