

Recycled Products

Company:
Faith Hats
(Portland, Oregon)
<http://faithhats.com>

Product:
Handmade hats

Recycled Content:
100-percent recycled wool

Target Market:
General consumer

Faith Jennings began making her handcrafted hats from reclaimed wool, cashmere and other blended textile sweaters over four years ago, recycling more than two tons of material over that time. The reversible unisex hats are hand-sewn by Faith and her twin sister, Nayana, along with a close friend giving them an assist. The caps are available in beige, black, burgundy, charcoal grey, navy or red, though exact shade varies due to the nature of the upcycled product. And, according to the hat-maker's Web site, "No two are exactly alike."

When not making hats, the three milliners are dancers in Portland's MarchFourth Marching Band – "imagine Duke Ellington meets Sgt. Pepper in an international big-top Fantasia" – which has nothing to do with the product, but seemed a fun bit of info to include.



Company:
The Green Glass Co.
(Weston, Wisconsin)
www.greenglass.com

Product:
Recycled glass goblet

Recycled Content:
100-percent recycled glass

Target Market:
General consumers, corporate gift purchasers and wholesalers

Since its 1992 founding, The Green Glass Co. has "grown into the largest producer of reclaimed glassware in the world," and is particularly notable for its customizable goblets – glasses are made from a halved glass bottle that is fused onto a trimmed bottle bottom for an unique glass look. For the company's corporate customers, Green Glass offers an etching service, laser-cutting one's logo or message onto the goblet.

Other products offered by Green Glass include re-purposed wine and beer bottles made into glasses and tumblers. Interestingly, the company also buys bottles – recycled, "condemned," or "rejected" – with a list of the desired types and numbers needed available on its Web site.

Company:
Green House Framing
(Portland, Oregon)
<http://recycledframes.com>



Product:
Custom picture frames

Recycled Content:
100-percent recovered wood

Target Market:
General consumer

Green House Framing, “the only cruelty-free company in the U.S. making picture frames from reclaimed wood,” has been making recovered wood frames since 2002. The frame-makers, Lisa Pratt and Lars Jorgensen, make each frame from scratch, primarily using Douglas Fir sourced from deconstructed homes in the Pacific Northwest.

The frames are stained using a line of all-natural oil finishes, and all colors are custom mixed in the firm’s Portland, Oregon headquarters from “crushed earth, rock and mineral pigments,” all of which are “produced sustainably and obtained by fair-trade practices.”

Green House also custom-frames artwork with its reclaimed wood frames, working with artists to choose the right mat backing to create the right type of frame for each customer. The pictured “limited edition” frame is made from redwood recovered from a leather tanning vat in Dallas, Oregon.

