

# Recycled Products

**Company:**  
My Recycled Bags  
Washington State  
[www.myrecycledbags.com](http://www.myrecycledbags.com)

**Product:**  
**VCR Ribbon Bag**

**Recycled Content:**  
100-percent recycled material

**Target Market:**  
General consumers



The proprietor of My Recycled Bags, RecycleCindy, hand-sews or crochets all of her products from plastic grocery bags, bread bags, cassette tape, denim, bed sheets, rags, and other miscellaneous materials, including VHS video tape (featured). In 2007, after seeing a friend's handmade purse made from "plarn" (yarn made from plastic bags), she was inspired to do the same, blogging about it all the while.

RecycleCindy's Web site offers her various products, but also has links to her patterns used, including a list of items, such as bibs, clothespin bags, coasters, dishcloths, doll clothes, handbags, potholders, purses, rugs, totes, water bottle holders, and other re-purposed items. She also offers a short tutorial on how to make a ball from the aforementioned plarn.

**Company:**  
Patagonia, Inc.  
(Ventura, California)  
[www.patagonia.com/recycle](http://www.patagonia.com/recycle)

**Product:**  
**Capilene baselayer garments**

**Recycled Content:**  
50-percent, or greater, recycled polyester

**Target Market:**  
General consumers

Patagonia's Capilene baselayer garments would be what the neophytes among us would call "underwear," but these 100-percent recyclable high-performance undergarments are made from 50-percent recycled polyester (or more), some of which is recovered through the company's own used clothing recovery efforts.

The company's Common Threads Garment Recycling Program debuted in 2005, collecting the company's Capilene line of clothing and sending it to Japan, where it is processed via the Ecocircle recycling system from Teijin Ltd. Patagonia is now taking other items as part of the program, such as the Patagonia-brand fleece, Polartec fleece clothing from any manufacturer, Patagonia cotton t-shirts, and some additional polyester and nylon 6 Patagonia products that come with a Common Threads tag.

The Capilene baselayer line of products include Capilene 1 level light t-shirts, to be worn as an undergarment, all the way up to Capilene 4, for heavier-duty style cold-weather gear. Designed for individuals undertaking in "fast-forward, aerobic activities," the baselayer fabric is quick to wick, quick to dry, and features Gladiodor, an odor control naturally derived from crab shells, which is perfect for those who's activities cause them to stink like a Greek fishing boat captain, like some people I know.



**Company:**  
**For Goodness Slate, LLC**  
(Grove City, Ohio)  
[www.forgoodnessslate.com](http://www.forgoodnessslate.com)

**Product:**  
**Slate double-wick oil candle**

**Recycled Content:**  
Slate portions are 100-percent recycled material

**Target Market:**  
General consumers

No two of For Goodness Slate's recycled slate oil candles are alike, as all of the slate used in their various products – fountains, tea candle holders, sushi trays, cheese serving trays and oil candles – is recycled material. Matt and Tracey, the proprietors behind the company, make their slate goods out of recovered slate from barn demolitions, rooftop repairs, or fallen pieces from damaged rooftops.

The idea to make things from recovered slate came from a desire to reuse pieces left over from slate used as a medium for Matt's animal portraiture. The bases for the candles, and the fountains, are also recycled from items found at garage sales, and resale and thrift stores.

The slate is cleaned, treated and molded into whatever product is dictated to the artists from the rocks natural characteristics.

