

# Recycled Products

## Company:

Komplot Design  
(Copenhagen, Denmark)  
[www.komplot.dk](http://www.komplot.dk)

## HAY

(Horsens, Denmark)  
[www.hay.dk](http://www.hay.dk)

## Product:

### NOBODY chair

**Recycled Content:** 100-percent  
post-consumer recycled PET

## Target Market:

General consumer

The NOBODY chair – designed  
by the Danish duo Komplot  
Design and manufactured by  
their fellow countrymen at HAY – is made from a single sheet of recovered felted PET, molded into the groovy, ghostly shape.

“This is the first chair ever made with the textile alone as the construction,” according to a HAY spokesperson. “The material used is industrial felt mainly made out of recycled plastic bottles. The felt is put into a huge form press and heated up – when the chair comes out of the press it’s done.”

The recipient of a half-dozen design awards from around the world, the NOBODY chair’s designers refer to the seat as “a metaphor for a cover – the cloth laid on the chair to protect it – NOBODY refers to the “shadow” side of the life of a chair – while not being used. The cover blurs the shape of the chair and at the same time makes an allusion to it.”

The chair comes in three colors: off-white, light gray or dark gray and are light, stackable and easy-to-clean, making them ideal for a whole host of functions.



**Company:**  
Presto Geosystems  
(Appleton, Wisconsin)  
[www.prestogeo.com](http://www.prestogeo.com)

**Product:**  
**Geoblock porous pavement system**

**Recycled Content:**  
97-percent recycled polyethylene

**Target Market:**  
General or municipal construction

The Geoblock porous pavement system, made from 97-percent recycled polyethylene (the rest is carbon black added for UV-stabilization), is a series of interlocking paving blocks. For the uninitiated, the paving blocks are meant to be used underneath sod or turf, allowing for much heavier loads and usage than a standard greenspace would.

The interlocked units and base depth distribute wheel load over the system, protecting topsoil infill from crushing and also saving the turf and vegetative root zone from damage caused by loading impact. The company notes that the systems are meant for “occasional or infrequent trafficking such as fire or utility access lanes (up to H-20 rating), overflow parking as well as trails/walkways.”

The Geoblock units are available in two sizes – 20 inches by 40 inches by 2 inches deep, as well as offering a size of 20 inches by 40 inches with a depth of 1.2 inches.

Other environmental benefits noted by Presto Geosystems include allowing infiltration of stormwater, lessening runoff, creates a cooler surface than asphalt or concrete and site disruption reduction. Use of the pavement system also contributes to U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building credits.

**Company:**  
Bazura Biz  
(Toronto, Ontario)  
[www.bazurashop.com](http://www.bazurashop.com)

**Product:**  
**Bazura Bags**

**Recycled Content:**  
100-percent post-consumer recycled drink pouches (which are made of polyester film, foil and polyethylene film)

**Target Market:**  
General consumer

For almost a decade, Bazura Bags have been made by a women's co-operative in the Philippines from used drink pouches collected, cleaned and stitched or woven together to make different types of bags, sacks or pouches.

According to the Toronto-based Bazura Biz, local schoolchildren daily collect over 50,000 used drink containers – locally called doy packs – and sell them to the co-op, where they are turned into the colorful, durable bags. The name of the bags is a play on “basura,” the Filipino word for garbage, which the company notes it is transforming into one of the over 80 different types of bags are offered – from the pictured cooler bag, to yoga mat holders, clutches or bike messenger bags, all the way to a standard handbag.

Unfortunately, last September, the co-op was hit by Typhoon Ondoy, which caused at least 464 deaths in the Philippines, two of which were members of the co-op. Scores of the members' homes were flooded, as well. In the year since that disaster, the co-op has continued to produce the bags while rebuilding their headquarters and most of the members' homes.

In addition to paying into a general rebuilding fund, Bazura Biz has also pledged to donate five percent of the proceeds from sales of the bags to a scholarship fund to aid children of the women members with their post-secondary education.

