

SUSTAINABLE FIBRE REFERENCES

HEMP

Considered an environmental super fibre, hemp is one of the strongest and most durable of all natural threads. Hemp has a texture similar to linen, it's breathable, durable and becomes softer the more you wash and wear.

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ORGANIC COTTON

Organic cotton eliminates the use of hazardous pesticides and toxic chemical fertilisers resulting in less impact on our waterways, the air, and biodiversity.

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TENCEL

Tencel[™] is a natural, man-made fibre which is also referred to as Lyocell. Made with wood pulp from sustainable plantations, the process of creating Tencel[™] textiles adopts environmentally responsible processes.

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RECYCLED POLYESTER

Unlike traditional polyester, recycled polyester is produced from recycled sources including PET bottles and industrial polyester waste. Diverting these types of waste for this process reduces landfill, and thus reduces soil contamination, air and water pollution.

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