

The *Lotus Live* Guide to **Clothing**

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Introduction

- This guide is your source for information about responsible fashion, discussing the environmental, social, and economic impacts of what you wear, and providing many recommendations for responsible purchases you can make.
- As Lotus Live's knowledge base increases, and as new resources are created, this guide will be updated. The most recent web-based guide can be found [here](#), and the most recent version of this pdf publication can be found [here](#).

Lotus Live Eco-Fabric Guide

- Before you go shopping for eco-effective clothing, you should read the [Lotus Live Guide to Eco-Fabrics](#), which will give you a comprehensive overview of which fabrics are best and worst for your health, the environment, and society, with explanations as to how each fabric is made.

Used Clothing

- As always, the most responsible piece of clothing is the piece of clothing never bought. However, there are now many resources available for buying used clothing:
 - [Swango](#) lets you give away your old clothing in return for credits which allow you to buy other users' items on the site.
 - [Shop Goodwill](#) is the online auction site of Goodwill. You can also use the [Goodwill Locator](#) to find your local Goodwill to donate, or to shop.

Homemade and Custom Clothing

Sew Your Own

- Learn to sew your own clothing on [Burda Style](#), the open source sewing site.
- For sources of raw eco-fabrics, see Treehugger's [Mini-Directory of Green Fabrics](#).

Design Your Own

- [Planet Ink](#) prints custom t-shirts with vegetable ink on 100% organic cotton for less than \$10 per shirt.

Where to Buy Eco-Clothing

Eco-Apparel

- [We Add Up](#) organic cotton sweat-shop free t-shirts are not only green themselves, but advertise what green actions you are committed to doing, and feature a count of how many other people have committed to doing the same.
- [Adili](#): Extensive M/F collections.
- [Bamboo Clothes](#): Affordable bamboo apparel (M/F).
- [Bamboosa](#): Additional bamboo apparel (M/F).
- [Bamboo Styles](#): Simple, but reasonably priced bamboo clothing (M/F).
- [Beklina](#): Organic, sustainable, fair trade for women (F).
- [Blue Canoe](#): Good selection of reasonably priced organics (M/F).
- [BTC Elements](#): Fair trade organics for all (M/F).
- [Coco's Shoppe](#): Eco-boutique for women (F).
- [Envi](#): Organic cotton and more for F.
- [Faerie's Dance](#): Earth-friendly fashion for F.
- [Fresh Eggs](#): T-shirts and canvas bags with clever designs (M/F).
- [Green Loop](#): Veritable online department store of eco-apparel (M/F).
- [The Hempest](#): Large collection of hemp clothing (M/F).
- [Hip and Zen](#): Eco-fair trade for women (F).
- [Horny Toad](#): Offers unique eco-apparel for men and women (M/F).
- [IceBreaker](#): 100% merino wool warmth from New Zealand (M/F).
- [Jonano](#): A variety of organic clothing for either gender (M/F).
- [Modify](#): Wide array of eco-apparel for F.
- [Natural High Lifestyle](#): Hemp and bamboo fashion (M/F).
- [Nau](#): High performance clothing (M/F).
- [Nubius Organics](#): Small selection of apparel and accessories for M/F and children.
- [Patagonia](#): Classic eco-apparel.
- [People Tree](#): British fair trade eco-clothing.
- [Prana](#): Eco-friendly performance wear.
- [Rawganique](#): Wide selection of hemp and organic cotton products for all.
- [REI](#): Their "Eco-Sensitive" line uses innovative fiber mixes.
- [Sahalie](#): Organic performance-wear for all.
- [Same Underneath](#): Bamboo and organic cotton for him and her.
- [Stewart Brown](#): Organic cotton and eco-fabric for women.
- [Super Lucky Cat](#): One of a kind recycled fashions for F.
- [Sweet Grass Fibers](#): Hemp, bamboo, organic cotton, tencel for M/F.
- [The White Parrot](#): Eco-fashion of F, on the expensive side.
- [Twice Shy](#): Organic cotton for M/F.

- [Under the Canopy](#): Organics for women.

Eco-Footwear

- [Teko Socks](#): Eco-friendly socks.
- [Timberland](#): Footwear that often utilizes organic materials and may be made with renewable energy.
- [Terra Plana](#): Sustainable shoes.
- [Yellow Port](#): Shoes from recycled canvas and tire rubber.

Eco-Accessories

- [Alchemy Goods](#): Bags and wallets from recycled material.
- [Bazura Bags](#): Bags made from recycled juice containers and advertisements.
- [Eco-Handbags](#): Bags from a variety of recycled materials.
- [Ecoist](#): Bags and belts from recycled materials.
- [Escama](#): Bags from aluminum can tabs.
- [Freitag](#): Bags from recycled shipping truck canvas.
- [Pro'tech'd](#): Organic cotton iPod cozy.
- [Retroactif](#): Handbags and hats from reclaimed PVC banners.
- [Salvation Sacks](#): Unique bags from recycled materials.
- [Sparrow Handbags](#): Eco-conscious handbags.
- [Zamisa](#): Eco gifts, bags, and jewelry.

Eco-Jewelry

- [Green Karat](#): Ecologically responsible jewelry.
- [Moonrise Jewelry](#): Eco-friendly jewelry made in the U.S.

Other Resources

Guides to Responsible Clothing

- [How to Green Your Wardrobe](#) (Treehugger 2006)
- [How to Green Your Accessories](#) (Treehugger 2007)

Reports about Responsible Clothing

- [Well Dressed?: The present and future sustainability of clothing and textiles in the United Kingdom](#) (University of Cambridge 2006)

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