

Circular Stories Pocket Guide

How to design a CIRC-T

As a Designer, the end is your starting point. What you decide to do when you start creating me will impact what can happen at the end of my life. Here are easy tips to help you **DESIGN** a Circ-T.

REDUCE

- Start by reimagining how I'm made. Am I designed in such a way that I can last for a very long time?
- Will I be able to be repaired? Will I be able to be reused?
- Can I be easily disassembled so that parts of me (including threads and trims) can be reused or recycled?
- Am I being made from a material that will be able to be remanufactured?
- How much pattern wastage will there be? Can you digitise my pattern making to ensure limited fabric wastage?
- What will happen to my offcuts? Can something else be made from them?

REGENERATE

- Can I be made into something else?
- Can you ensure I am not over-produced? Can you

DID YOU KNOW...

Dempstah, an Australian textile company, is turning Citizen Wolf's offcut scrap jersey textile waste into new yarn. The yarn that is created has consumed no water, no bleach, and no dye and produces no chemical discharge.

ask for customer pre-orders and/ or use data to ensure correct supply?

- When my life as a t-shirt is over, will I be able to be kept in stock for a long time or repaired? Will repair kits or instructions on how to repair me be provided?
- Will you offer a take-back program to rescue me at the end of my life?
- When all the other options have been exhausted, could I be remanufactured?

REVALUE

- Have you checked that any chemicals or substances of concern that could contaminate me (and prevent me from being recycled) are not being used?
- Have you chosen materials that can be made to be made again?
- Will I be able to be recycled at the end of life?

RESPECT

- Have you considered where I'll be made, under what conditions and by whom?
- Have you chosen manufacturing partners who are transparent about their practices and offer open access to their partners?
- Are the workers involved being paid a living wage, allowed to organise and working in safe conditions?