

Sustainable Fashion

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Sustainable Fashion defined

- Design philosophy and trend of sustainability
- Goal is to create a system which can be supported indefinitely by environmentalism and social responsibility
- A product is created with consideration to the environmental and social impact in its life cycle

 Also known as Ethical Fashion, Eco-fashion, green design, ecouterre, up-cycling, downcycling

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Impact of the fashion industry



- Designers
- Manufacturers
- Supply chain
- Marketers
- Retailers
- Customers
- 3rd party recyclers
- Other communities

Triple Bottom-line

- Social
- **■** Environmental
- Economy

- Sustainable consumption
- Profitable operations

- Employment for workers, fair trade.
- Cultural systems

- Sourcing of environmentally friendly materials natural, organic, fair trade, alternative, up cycled, down cycled.
- Resource consumption, energy use, pollution prevention



Theoretical framework

- Life Cycle Analysis / Industrial Ecology
 - Life cycle assessment cradle to grave
 - Up cycling cradle to cradle
 - Down cycling



Component of Sustainable Fashion

Design and production – designers, manufacturers, and the supply chain.

Marketing and use – retailers and customers

Reuse, redesign and recycle – 3rd party recyclers, other communities, and remanufacturing.







VINTAGE FRENCH LINEN SLIPCOVERS

DEADSTOCK ITALIAN NAVY BLANKETS











Fast Fashion vs. Sustainable Fashion

- Reduction in water, energy, and waste
- Elimination of hazardous materials
- Use of organic materials
- Closing the loop is a challenge H&M



Customer mindset

- Increase personalization = increased consumer attachment
- Componentization and variety of wearing a piece of clothing