

“Fast Fashion” has become more prominent in the fashion industry as brands have become less concerned with how, where or by whom their clothes are made and more concerned with profits and getting products to the consumers before their competition.

While there are certainly many brands and companies moving towards becoming more sustainable and ethical, here are some great companies to check out for all your needs and different price points!

Patagonia

Probably the first company most people think of when someone mentions sustainable and ethical clothing. While this was not always the case, they have gone out of their way to review all aspects of their production and supply-chain to ensure they are leaving the least possible impact.

Patagonia also offers good and fair employee benefits, including health insurance and paid maternity leave.

They also have been trying to dissuade customers from buying more products or unneeded items from them, by offering a repair program to bring new life to old or tattered garments.

In addition, they will recycle or repurpose any item or garment that has reached the end of its useful life.

Organic Basics

As the name would suggest this is the place to get your ethically made and sustainable basics.

Organic Basics is based out of Copenhagen and focuses on fabrics and practices that make for longer lasting t-shirts, underwear, socks and other accessories, for both men and women.

They use GOTS certified organic cotton and have introduced (created?) SilverTech (spinning sustainably sourced silver threading directly into their cotton) to cut down on the need for washing -- saving you time, money and prolonging the life of the garments.

As their homepage says “The fashion industry is a dirty bastard”

Armedangels

“Fair fashion instead of fast fashion”

Armedangels started in 2007 in Germany. It focuses on using only sustainable materials, such as organic cotton, linen, and wool and has been GOTS certified since 2011.

They are also committed to created fair working conditions. Working with independent organizations like Fairtrade and Fair Wear Foundation to help make sure they are doing their best.

They keep their price points reasonable as well.

Jungmaven

“Simplicity and Sustainability”

Jungmaven is a company with a focus on using hemp as it's core material.

Hemp not only regenerates in a few short months, but it also helps to maintain clean water and air, helps produce oxygen and consumes carbon dioxide, among other benefits.

Their clothing is wonderfully made, breathable, soft and goes well with anything.

Everlane

“Exceptional Quality. Ethical Factories. Radical Transparency.”

Everlane makes sure to source the finest materials, make sure all factories they use are ethical and the thing that really sets them apart -- Radical Transparency.

Radical Transparency. You can find the true cost to make each item of clothing right on their website.

Because they are not big on trends, their pieces are timeless and they also share the factory and production story behind each item of clothing. It is not hard to develop a personal connection with this brand.

Reformation

“Fabric is the magic”

Reformation uses a plethora of different sustainable and upcycled materials (including tencel, viscose, and modal®), to have products that are not only reducing their environmental impact but also stylish.

All of their items come with descriptions of their environmental impact.

Noah

“We believe in doing things our own way, with conviction, according to principles we determine ourselves”

Entrenched in the skateboarding and punk rock culture -- their ideas come just as much from a commitment to living an active, engaged lifestyle as fabrics and design.

Noah focuses on making their clothes in factories where ethical practices and tradition takes precedence over the bottom line.

The brand also speaks out on issues they find important. They have made products in support of the Black Lives Movement.

Krochet Kids

Krochet Kids take a unique and personal approach to the ensuring ethical work practices.

They provide job opportunities to women in places like Peru, Uganda, and India, while also teaching them skills to help break the poverty cycle.

Every product is hand-signed by the person who made it, and they have profiles of all of these women on their website so you can get to know them, or even send them a thank you note.

Haeckels

“Manufacture the most effective natural products from sustainable resources + use brand to inspire + implement solutions to aid our planets ocean crisis.”

Shopping ethically goes beyond just clothing. You should be conscious of what you are putting on your skin as well.

Haeckel's is a skincare brand that creates their products from locally sourced ingredients, most intriguing of which are their seaweed-based products. They also do all their testing of products on themselves.

They are conscious about their packaging, making sure to use glass whenever possible as a substitute for plastic.

Everybody.World

Everybody.World is US based and does 95% of their manufacturing in LA which has some of the strictest EPA standards nationwide.

They have invented a shirt made from 100% recycled cotton and make sure all the factories they work with have ethical work practices.

Everybody.World is also a wholesaler and can help you make just about anything, bringing your concepts to life.