

- Fabric composition
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MOST SUSTAINABLE CHOICES RECOMMENDED BY UVM

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Supplier (in order of recommended)	Product	Sustainable Features

## LOCAL VENDORS TO WORK WITH

Company	Phone Number	Email	Vendors/Products Used
<a href="#">Deerfield Design</a>	802-496-4224	<a href="mailto:info@deerfelddesigns.com">info@deerfelddesigns.com</a>	<a href="#">Royal Apparel Organics</a> <a href="#">Econscious</a>
<a href="#">Image Outfitters (B-Corp)</a>	802-253-8369	<a href="mailto:esbert@image-outfitters.com">esbert@image-outfitters.com</a>	<a href="#">Allmade</a> Will source any shirt for you
<a href="#">Kevin Smith Sports</a>	802-524-3312 ext 22	<a href="mailto:eddie@kevinsmithsports.com">eddie@kevinsmithsports.com</a>	<a href="#">Allmade</a> <a href="#">Alphabroder</a>
<a href="#">Select Design</a>	518.774.6310	<a href="mailto:eshwajlyk@selectdesign.com">eshwajlyk@selectdesign.com</a>	<a href="#">Allmade</a> <a href="#">Port &amp; Co</a>
<a href="#">Willington</a>	802-651-1795	<a href="mailto:beth@willingtonprint.com">beth@willingtonprint.com</a>	<a href="#">Royal Apparel</a> <a href="#">Tutlex 202</a> <a href="#">Hanes Eco Smart 5170, 5% recycled poly from plastic bottles</a>

## SUSTAINABLE FABRIC CHOICES

The fabric used in the composition of the clothing impacts the inherent resource consumption of manufacturing the clothing item. The following table highlights which fabrics are the most sustainable and why; listed in order of most to least sustainable.

Fabric	Sustainable Features
Recycled Cotton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made from previously used cotton</li> <li>- The re-use saves significant amounts of water</li> </ul>
Organic Cotton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made without harmful fertilizers</li> <li>- Recycled Organic Cotton is the most sustainable</li> <li>- Important to look for additional certifications (next section)</li> </ul>
Organic Hemp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fast growing plant which needs few resources</li> <li>- Good for soil health</li> </ul>
Tencel® (Lyocell)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A type of rayon manufactured with more ethical practices</li> <li>- Plant based</li> </ul>
Recycled Polyester (rPET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made of recycled plastic bottles – i.e. diverts plastic from landfills</li> </ul>
Ringspun Cotton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made to be more durable than traditional cotton, thus there is a longer lifespan</li> </ul>

## FABRICS TO AVOID

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Fabrics	Sustainability Features
Uncertified Cotton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Water-intensive</li><li>- Chemically intensive</li><li>- Labor intensive</li></ul>
Uncertified Wool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Desertification and animal rights abuse implications</li></ul>
Uncertified Leather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Chemical intensive</li><li>- Cattle are a significant contributor to greenhouse gases</li><li>- Deforestation</li></ul>
Rayon/Viscose/Modal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Made from wood pulp</li><li>- Chemical/energy/water intense process</li><li>- Deforestation impacts</li></ul>
Bamboo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Heavily chemically intensive process to convert bamboo into retail fibers</li></ul>
Polyester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Petroleum (oil) based fabric</li></ul>

## IMPORTANT CERTIFICATIONS TO LOOK FOR

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In addition to sustainable fabrics, certifications (both won by a product or by a brand) are very important to consider. Certifications will take a wholesome look at a material's production, which includes the environmental footprint as well as the labor practices across a product's/brand's value chain.

Below is a table of important certifications to look for.

<a href="#"><u>Accredited Program (WRAP)</u></a>	- Thorough workplace labor & environmental standards	
<a href="#"><u>Fair Labor Association (FLA)</u></a>	- Third party organization that maps, audits, and enforces ethical labor practices across the supply chain	Better
<a href="#"><u>Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)</u></a>	- Encourages farmers on more sustainable cotton farming practices - Corporate certification	Acceptable
<a href="#"><u>Cotton LEADS</u></a>	- Promoting and measuring sustainably grown cotton in the US and Australia	Acceptable
<a href="#"><u>Global Sustainability Consortium (GSC)</u></a>	- Hanes specific certification	Not recommended

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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- [“Our Fiber Eco Review”](#)
- [“12 Sustainable Materials and Fabrics You Should Know”](#)
- [“A Guide to the Most And Least Sustainable Fabrics”](#)