

# Cirkulär Design

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**circular.fashion** – a sustainable design agency creating product and system innovation for a circular economy in fashion and textiles



### WORKSHOPS & CONSULTING

### CIRCULAR DESIGN SOFTWARE







# DESIRE FOR RAPID FASHION CHANGE

How many times is a garment worn on average?



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# 50% INCREASED CLOTHING SALES

while 1/3 less clothing utilisation since 2000



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# OVER 100 BILLION GARMENTS YEARLY

### produced in 2015

Ellen Macarthur Foundation, A new Textiles Economy (2017)



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# 87% INCINERATED OR LANDFILLED

worldwide

87%

Ellen MacArthur Foundation, A New Textiles Economy: Redesigning fashion's future, 2017, p. 20





# 12% DOWNCYCLING

## to insulation material or wiping cloth

12%

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# <1% FIBRE TO FIBRE RECYCLING

## regenerates fibres to virgin quality









## 12% OF THE FASHION MARKET COMMITTED TO BECOME CIRCULAR BY 2020

90 leading fashion brands



# How can we transform the fashion industry to circular practices?

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# 1. FASHION MUST BE DESIGNED FOR CIRCULARITY





# 2. ENGAGE CUSTOMERS IN USING, REUSING AND RETURNING CLOTHING





# 3. MAKE MATERIAL INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE FOR SORTERS AND RECYCLERS



# CIRCULARITY along the whole life cycle





## (1) Circular materials Biobased & biodegradable

Recycled & recyclable



## (2) Design for cyclability

Recyclable material combinations Monomaterial & disassembly

(3) Design for longevity

Long-lasting and adaptable design Services for repair, reuse, redye

(4) Ensure Reuse & Recycling
 Provide detailed material information
 Create partnerships & infrastructure

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# 1. CHOOSE HEALTHY MATERIALS THAT HAVE THE POSSIBLITY OF ENDLESS CYCLES



# ENDLESS CYCLES IN A BIOLOGICAL OR TECHNICAL CYCLE



# Input Biobased

Renewable rawmaterial Biobased polymers Not necessarily biodegradable e.g. due to harmful finishes





# Product Recyclable

Clear input and future destiny Input fulfills recyclers criteria Exclude harmful chemicals





# 2. DESIGN FOR MATERIAL CYCLABILITY

by mono-material or disassembly









# Design for Cyclability Mono-Cycle

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## Material Cyclability

Mono-cycle material combination

Trims

Care Label





» Combine materials suitable for either the bio or tech-cycle
» Match all components with the main material's cycle, incl. lining, sewing thread, labels etc so that the entire piece can be recycled
» Reduce complexity, reduce the nr. of components and trims



## Material Cyclability Mono-cycle closure mechanism













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## Mono-Cycle Leather closure mechanism



INDUSTRIAL BIODEGRADATION Se DESIGN FOR ADAPTABILITY



1. By Luna Mazzolini 2. By Bogdan Isopescu 3. By Miu Miu 4. By Leather Works LW 5. Via Farfetch 6. By Chynome 7. By COS 8. By Archipel

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Material Cyclability Recyclable Textile Manipulation









 » Manipulate fabrics and create decorative textiles without the use of chemicals or prints by using e.g laser engraving and cutting, embroidery playing with thickness of thread and various styles of stitching
 » Use pleating and folding techniques to create ,movements' on the textile



# Design for Cyclability **Disassembly**





## Material Cyclability Design for dissasembly





- » For products that need material suited for different cycles, design in a way so that the parts can be recovered seperately to either be recycled in the technical cycle or biodegraded in the biological cycle
- » Design for dissasembly opens up possibilities for multi-functional use

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POLYESTER RECYCLING

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## Material Cyclability Detachable elements









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## Material Cyclability

Detachable buttons











Double Buttonhole System

Design for Circularity



#### **Removable Buttons**

Design for Circularity: Enables the Recycling Process







# 3. DESIGN FOR LONGEVITY

made to last in function and aesthetics, to update and modify for changing needs and desires







# Design for Longevity Functional Durability



## Longevity Functional Durability

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EXTEND FIRST USE

CELLULOSIC RECYCLING





» Reinforce parts that are more liable to tear by wear and use, such as the crotch or innerthighs on denim

» Studying the use pattern of a product can be helpful to understand where strategies for increasing the functional durability need to take place
» Reinforcement can be done by double stitching, double layers of fabric or fixing stitches with a thick thread

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## Longevity Repairability, detachable elements





» To already at the outset design a product in a way that it easily can be repaired or reused in parts is an efficient way to make sure that it is kept in use
» Accompany design for repairability with DIY-kits, care instructions or an in-store repair shop

» Promoting repairability might strengthen brand loyalty as it build's on the brand's reputation to create products designed to truly last



# Design for Longevity Emotional Durability



## Longevity Emotional Durability





- » Add elements which makes the user want to wear the piece for longer
  » Use materials or textiles that age and evolve over time, e.g denim or leather, which ,marks' personal wear and tear
- » Storytelling and transparency of the design and production might build on a garment's narrative and increase the emotional durability



DESIGN FOR ADAPTABILITY

EXTEND FIRST USE



## Longevity Adjustable sizing





DESIGN FOR ADAPTABILITY



EXTEND FIRST USE



» Incorporate size adjustability in the design by having generous seam allowance at side seam and hem, or by using strategic fastenings, drawstrings, buttons and elastic

» Particularly suitable for clothing where the user grows e.g kidsclothing or maternitywear



## Longevity Transformability









## Longevity Participatory design





» Engage the user to be part of the design and/or making process of a product
 » Ways to include a user is e.g via do-it-yourself kits annd guides, open source design of patterns or co-creating processes





Longevity Transformability, re-dyeing







ENABLE SECOND LIFE

I. Original design
SS17
Sales price: €180

II. First re-dye	
AW17	
Cost: €30	

III. Re-design SS18 Cost: €40

IV. Second re-dye AW18 Cost: €30



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# 4. SET UP SYSTEMS AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR REUSE AND RECYCLING



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# 80% OF A PRODUCT'S IMPACT IS DECIDED IN THE **DESIGN PHASE**









## The circular.fashion system



### Circular Design Software





Circular Material Database

Circular Design Guidelines

Circular Product Check

# 2

### circularity.ID Consumer Interface







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Customer Interface

**Collection Channels** 

# 3

### circularity.ID Sorting Interface



Reverse supply chain



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Smart Workspace

Sorting Software



## Partnerships for Sorting **Recommerce & Recycling**







## Opportunities for fashion brands





# Let's join forces for a circular future of fashion

