



Paper Information Sheet

Paper is a biobased, biodegradable alternative to fossil-fuel based fabrics (such as the most common forms of polyester). Whilst it still requires some chemical manipulation to turn the organic plants into fabric, Paper is widely recognised as a more environmentally conscious alternative to polyester.



Eco Credentials	Reality Check
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Trees are renewable resources which, when farmed responsibly, can be replanted and sustained without depleting natural resources (trees also store carbon dioxide and release oxygen).▪ Most Paper is biodegradable and decomposes relatively quickly.▪ The Forest Stewardship Council has established an international standard to ensure forests are managed as sustainably and ethically as possible with environmental values in mind.▪ Most Paper is suitable for dyeing with natural/vegetable-based dyes.▪ Many Paper products can be recycled multiple times (reducing landfill waste).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Crops must undergo chemical manipulation to be turned from plants into fabric. However, a close looped system can be used to re-capture and re-use certain chemicals (e.g. black liquor), thereby reducing their impact on the environment.▪ Paper manufacturing requires lots of energy, water and land (which can lead to deforestation). It also creates a lot of waste.