



**100** pairs

of human hands touch our clothes before we see it in stores or online.

**75,000,000** people work to make our clothes.

**♀ 80%**

are women between ages 18 and 24.

It takes a garment worker

**18**

**months**

to earn what a fashion brand CEO makes on their lunch break.

**Many** earn less than **\$3** per day.



**It takes**

**2,720**

liters of water to make a t-shirt. That's how much we normally drink in 3 years.



## Extend your wardrobe's lifespan by mending

Once clothing becomes in need of a repair, don't rush straight to the trash bin: try mending instead. Call a local clothing repairer or, better yet, join the [#visiblemending](#) movement, which encourages entirely obvious and colorful hand-sewn repairs.

"Most clothing problems are easily mendable: missing buttons and loose stitching, for example. But mending is also an opportunity to make your clothes better than new. Visible mending allows you to be creative and celebrate the life of your clothes," says Erin Lewis-Fitzgerald, who runs a Visible Mending Project in Melbourne, Australia. "One creatively mended garment might not save the planet, but it might inspire three other people to start mending and become more aware."

### 85% Of Our Clothes End Up In Landfills Or Burned

It might come to a surprise to learn that around 85% of textiles thrown away in the U.S. are dumped into landfills or burned -- including unused textiles and unsold clothes.

Furthermore, it is estimated that the average American throws away about 37kg/81 pounds of clothes every year-- that's the weight of an 11-year-old child! And that's only counting the U.S.

To give you an idea of how big the global textile waste crisis is, imagine a garbage truck fully filled with textiles and clothes being thrown into landfills every single second of the day, every year.

