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As anti-plastic movements sweep the globe, we feel strongly that it's time for everyone to reconsider our eco-footprint.

[Yoga Design Lab](#), famous for its uber-colorful yoga mats made from recycled plastic bottle microfibres, is excited to be launching their first-ever collection of beautiful Cork yoga products, designed to love the earth.

Described by Harper's Bazaar and Vogue as 'stunning works of art', Yoga Design Lab is a young Bali based yoga brand that is shaking up the industry with sophisticated eco-technology and eye-catching designs.

'The goal was to create a beautiful, highly-functional product with the smallest eco-footprint possible. Countless yoga mats end up in landfills because they're made from non-recyclable, hazardous materials. While our overall goal is to limit plastic usage, at least we can start repurposing what's already out there and keep it from our oceans.' - Chad Turner, Founder/Designer.

Reviving a 200-year-old process . . .

The Cork Yoga Mat is the most sustainable choice within yoga mats. Cork trees grow around the Mediterranean naturally and on farms. The mat cork is sourced and certified from tree farms in Portugal, while the block and wheel cork are from Algeria.

The bark of the cork tree can be harvested every 9-10 years during its 200-year life span. The tree is not harmed during the process; it actually allows for greater absorption of CO2 while the bark regrows. If a tree does reach its end life, two new saplings are planted in its place thus ensuring the cork forest continues to flourish and renew.

The harvested cork bark is shredded to a pulp and pressed into long sheets to be used in products. Any leftover cork dust is used to fuel the mills. Cork is lightweight, allowing for more efficient shipping to our factory. The yoga mat cork is supported by a base of natural non-slip rubber from Vietnam. Only water-based inks are used for the prints, leaving you with a fully sustainable and beautiful piece of art.

Cork is antimicrobial, meaning you don't need harmful chemicals to clean your collection. Organic soap and water are sufficient and if you get any major stains, you can actually file down the cork a bit and avoid cleaners altogether! If you no longer need your products, cork is compostable. Better yet, you can find a local agency to upcycle your cork such as <https://recork.com/> or find DIY inspiration for your home here [https://recyclenation.com/2015/07/23-ways-to-upcycle-corks/!](https://recyclenation.com/2015/07/23-ways-to-upcycle-corks/)

It is a total closed-loop supply chain, so you can be savasana-assured that your collection has been ethically sourced and manufactured with conscious awareness.

About Yoga Design Lab

Blending fashion-forward design elements with innovative functionality and bio-renewable consciousness is key to the Yoga Design Lab approach.

In 2014, Canadian surfer/yogi, Chad Turner, sold all of his belongings and moved to Bali with the idea to create beautiful yoga mats. The young brand produces visually stunning, eco-friendly yoga products designed to inspire.

"I was seated in the back of a packed yoga class while on vacation in Ubud, Bali. Looking around, all I saw was a sea of unoriginal, massed produced, solid-colored mats. My thinking was, there must be a way of creating a highly functional product that was also aesthetically beautiful. So the journey began. Long story short, I sold my stuff, packed up a couple of bags and moved to Bali with the goal of creating a stunning line of yoga products that inspire more people to get excited about yoga." - Chad Turner, Designer/Founder Yoga Design Lab

From yoga mats comprised of biodegradable natural tree rubber and recycled plastic bottle microfiber to the water-based inks used in the printed designs, we can all make a difference with the products we buy.







