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## Leather Notes

Making products from leather is an eco-friendly option for the following reasons:

**Long Lasting:** Leather is a highly durable material that can last for decades with proper care. It ages beautifully, developing a unique patina that enhances its aesthetic value. This longevity means fewer products are needed over time, reducing the environmental impact associated with frequent replacements of less durable goods.

**Less Waste:** Leather is often a byproduct of the meat industry. By using leather, we ensure that more of the animal is utilized, reducing waste and contributing to the circular economy. If leather were not used, these hides would be contributing to landfill waste.

**Biodegradable:** Unlike synthetic alternatives like PVC or polyurethane, leather is a natural material that, when untreated or minimally treated, can biodegrade at the end of its life cycle, reducing long-term environmental pollution.

**Less Plastic:** Opting for leather helps reduce reliance on synthetic, plastic-based materials that are typically made from non-renewable resources and contribute to microplastic pollution.

**Supports a Traditional Craft:** Leatherworking supports local artisans and economies. Leather products are sourced locally with minimal carbon footprint and often have lower environmental impacts compared to mass production methods.

**Recyclability:** Leather can be recycled or upcycled into new products, such as bonded and [reclaimed leather](#), which are made from scraps of recycled leather.



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