



Welcome to the 2025 Make It With Wool Recycle–Upcycle contest!

The overall goal of the Make It With Wool program is to promote the use of natural fibers and wool products. MIWW strives to make natural fibers marketable and inviting to the consumer. The MIWW Recycle–Upcycle contest is for those who can think outside the box or dig into one and find a new way to use wool sweaters, garments or accessories.

The Recycle–Upcycle contest will be held in two stages:

- ❖ **Stage 1** will be judged on the total look that you have created from your recycled piece to the upcycled piece. Marketability and fashion sense will be taken into consideration during this stage. You will also be asked to tell the story of your recycle to upcycle journey for your entry.
- ❖ **Stage 2** (if you are selected to be part of the top 10 from Stage 1) will be judged on the construction of the upcycle piece itself. The placings of the top 10 in Stage 2 will be determined by the total look and the construction used in the upcycle process.

Rules and requirements:

- ❖ Fibers of recycled pieces must test at 60% or more natural fiber (cashmere, wool, alpaca, angora, etc.)
- ❖ **Entry fee:** \$15. Must be sent to contest chair Amanda Powell by entry deadline (see below for address). Contestant are encouraged to also “like” and “follow” National Make It With Wool/Facebook page, Backyard Green Films Facebook, and @re_synergy on instagram. (These are the folks who are sponsoring and making this contest happen!)
- ❖ **Judging process:**

o **Stage 1:** Contestants will submit a **maximum** of 4 photos to the contest along with the appropriate entry form completed. Photos and entry form will all be submitted through email. Send entries to aspowell11@hotmail.com (submitting more than 4 photos will be an automatic disqualification.)

o **Stage 2:** The top 10 from Stage 1 will be notified by email that they have been selected for the next phase. For this round, the upcycled project will be judged on the construction. The finished project will be mailed to the contest chair by the deadline for judging. The top 10 will be placed based on the total look and construction scores.

Contestants will mail their entry to:

- Amanda Powell at 4187 Old Post Road Havre MT 59501.

o **Stage 3:** The top 3 entries will be kept and put on display at the National Make It With Wool contest and American Sheep Industry National Convention in Reno, Nevada in January 2026. Entries will be mailed back after the completion of the Convention.

- ❖ Contestants will be responsible for postage to and from the contest. Contestants must include a return postage label in their package (failure to do so will result in an automatic disqualification).
- ❖ Entry forms and pictures are due by: **November 1, 2025.**
- ❖ IF you are in the Top 10, entries must arrive by **December 1, 2025.**
- ❖ Cash prizes will be sponsored by ReSynergy and Backyard Green Films.



National Make It With Wool – ReSynergy/Backyard Green Films
Recycle – Upcycle Contest Entry Form

TO SUBMIT ENTRY: Complete this Entry Form and email along with a maximum of 4 photos to: aspowell11@hotmail.com

Mail \$15 Entry Fee to Contest Chair to be received by November 1, 2025
– Amanda Powell at: 4187 Old Post Road Havre MT 59501 –

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Age:

Fiber(s) Used:

Tested for Content: Test Result: _____%

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Where did you find your recycle piece:

Why did you choose this recycle piece (*inspiration and vision*):



Describe your journey from recycle to your upcycle garment:

Describe your Total Look: Tell us about yourself – hobbies, sewing background, etc.:

Additional information you would like to add:

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