



Welcome to the 2026 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). Contestants 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:
 - **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.*)
 - **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 on the total look and construction scores. **Contestants will mail their entry to:**
 - Amanda Powell at 4187 Old Post Road Havre MT 59501.
 - **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 Charleston, South Carolina in January 2027. 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: **October 1, 2026.**
- ❖ **IF** you are in the **Top 10**, entries must **arrive by November 1, 2026.**
- ❖ Cash prizes will be sponsored by **RE Synergy Foundation** and **Backyard Green Films.**



**National Make It With Wool – RE Synergy/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 October 1, 2026
– Amanda Powell at 4187 Old Post Road Havre MT 59501 –**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ **Age:** _____

Fiber(s) Used: _____

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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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