



LOOPED

Where Materials Come Full Circle

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Brand Concept

LOOPED is a premium sustainable accessories brand crafting belts and interchangeable watch straps from reclaimed leather and salvaged textiles. Each piece is a study in restraint – made to last, designed to endure.

Circular Design

Materials recovered, reimagined, returned to use

Transparency

Every source, every process – openly shared

Craftsmanship

Slow-made, hand-finished, built to outlast trends

Timeless Style

Design that doesn't date, accessories that don't expire



Mission, Vision & Values

Mission

Reduce fashion waste by transforming reclaimed materials into premium accessories that people reach for again and again. Every strap, every belt – a cycle completed.

Vision

A world where sustainable fashion is not a compromise – where reclaimed is coveted, and circular design sets the standard for how premium goods are made.

Our Values

Sustainability

Reclaimed first. New materials as the exception, never the rule.

Craftsmanship

Precision finishing, minimal waste, maximum integrity.

Transparency

Supply chain visibility that builds trust, not just compliance.

Timeless Design

Quiet aesthetics that age with the wearer, not against them.

THE PROBLEM

Fashion's Waste Crisis Has No Shortage of Accessories

The global fashion industry generates over 92 million tons of textile waste annually. Accessories – belts, straps, small leather goods – are among the most overproduced, least recycled categories in fashion. Most end up in landfill within two to three years of purchase.

Brands marketing themselves as "sustainable" often rely on new raw materials, virgin synthetics, or minimal recycled content – a cosmetic fix to a structural problem.

Overproduction

Seasonal excess drives continuous disposal

Virgin Materials

"Eco" brands still mining new resources

No Circular Loop

Accessories rarely recovered or repurposed



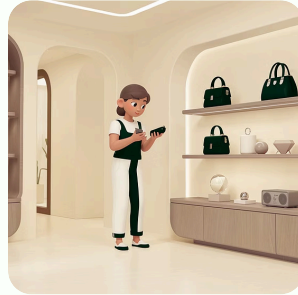
Target Audience

LOOPED speaks to a generation that buys less and buys better – consumers who treat every purchase as a statement of values.



Ages 20–40

Urban professionals navigating the intersection of style and ethics



Design-Conscious

Drawn to clean aesthetics, material quality, and considered objects



Sustainability-Focused

Actively seeking circular alternatives to fast fashion accessories



Quality Over Quantity

Fewer, better things – a philosophy embedded in every purchase

BRAND POSITIONING

Reclaimed. Refined. Premium.

LOOPED transforms discarded materials into timeless accessories – proving that sustainability and desirability are not opposites, but the same intention, expressed with craft.

In a market crowded with greenwashing and compromise, LOOPED takes a singular position: reclamation as a design philosophy. Not a workaround. Not a trade-off. A deliberate, material choice that elevates every piece above its conventional equivalent – because the story behind the leather is as valuable as the leather itself.



New York City, SoHo — The Flagship

SoHo, New York – where design culture, independent retail, and conscious consumption converge. A neighborhood that rewards restraint, where the most compelling storefronts say the least and mean the most.

The LOOPED flagship occupies a narrow, light-filled corner space on Greene Street. The store concept is grounded in calm: no clutter, no urgency, no excess. A destination for intentional shopping in a city that rarely slows down.

Location

Greene Street, SoHo, NYC

Footprint

1,200 sq ft – intimate, gallery-scale

Atmosphere

Calm, warm, unhurried



Why Physical Retail Still Matters — When Done Right

The Problem with Fast Fashion Retail

Modern retail environments are engineered for volume – high stimulation, rapid turnover, disposable everything. Stores are designed to overwhelm, not to invite consideration. The result is a shopping experience that mirrors the very excess it profits from: rushed, loud, and ultimately forgettable. Accessories, particularly, are lost in this noise – treated as impulse additions rather than considered purchases.

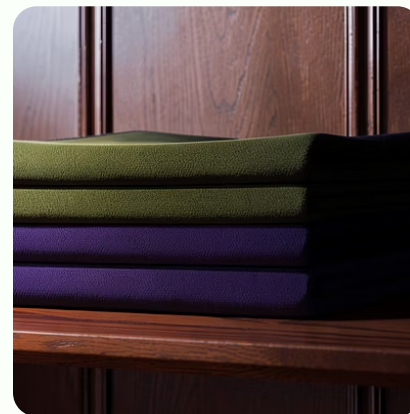
The LOOPED Answer

The flagship store is a deliberate counter-proposal. LOOPED creates a calm, gallery-like retail environment where each product is given space to breathe – and the consumer is given space to think. Warm materials, soft light, and unhurried layout signal a different kind of brand relationship: one built on trust, story, and craft.

The target consumer – design-conscious, sustainability-driven, ages 20 - 40 – is not looking for a transaction. They are looking for alignment. The LOOPED store is where that alignment becomes physical. The goal: make circular fashion feel premium, tactile, and real.

Mood Board

The visual language of LOOPED – neutral, warm, material-led.





STORE EXTERIOR

The Façade

A restrained storefront that earns a second look. Floor-to-ceiling glass opens the interior to the street – transparency as both architecture and brand value. The LOOPED wordmark is laser-etched into weathered oak above the entrance. No posters. No promotions. Just material and light.

Materials

Weathered oak, raw concrete, brushed steel hardware, turf/fake grass

Signage

Laser-etched wood letterform – no backlit panels

Window

Full-height glass, single seasonal product vignette inside

Entry

Recessed oak door, tactile pull handle in wrapped reclaimed leather



INTERIOR CONCEPT

Space as Philosophy

The interior is the brand made physical. Open, unhurried, and deeply considered – every surface, every fixture, every shadow is intentional. Products are not merchandised; they are presented. The store functions less like retail and more like a living gallery.

Open Layout

Wide circulation, no barriers – movement feels natural and free with turf for an environmental feel.

Gallery Logic

Each product given negative space – isolation creates desire

Neutral Palette

Cream, warm white, oak, and stone – the product is the color

No Clutter

Stock stored out of sight – visible inventory is curated, not loaded

Products as Objects of Craft

Belts and watch straps are mounted on custom oak risers and suspended from narrow floating shelves – displayed with the same care given to sculpture. Each piece rests alone, fully visible, inviting touch. The display communicates value through restraint: one object, one light source, one story.

Small engraved material tags accompany each product, indicating the source textile, the craftsman's initials, and the loop number – how many material cycles this leather has completed.

Display System

Floating shelves in oiled white oak

Lighting

Narrow-beam warm halogen spotlights per piece

Product Labels

Engraved steel tags – source, maker, loop number





INTERIOR – CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Slow Retail, Fully Felt



Try-On Area

Full-length mirror framed in reclaimed oak, soft overhead diffused light, no rush



Seating

Low linen bench – an invitation to stay, consider, and connect with the product



Atmosphere

Warm ambient light at 2700K – the same tone as golden hour, designed to flatter and calm

The customer experience zone is the emotional core of the store. Here, the consumer transitions from observer to participant – handling the product, feeling the material weight of reclaimed leather, understanding the strap's interchangeability through demonstration. Staff are trained as material guides, not sales associates. The conversation is about the object's origin, not its price.

Where the Material Speaks

A dedicated zone at the rear of the store transforms brand transparency into something tangible. Raw reclaimed materials – leather offcuts, salvaged textile panels – are mounted alongside their finished counterparts. The before and after is the entire brand story, told without words.

1

Recovered

Leather and textile offcuts sourced from U.S. and European garment manufacturers

2

Reclaimed

Cleaned, graded, and assessed for material integrity by LOOPED craftspeople

3

Reimagined

Hand-cut, finished, and shaped into belts and watch straps with minimal intervention

4

Returned

Worn, loved, and eventually brought back for the next cycle – the loop closed





Furniture & Lighting

Material Palette

Wood

dark brown oiled oak – FSC-certified, locally sourced where possible

Stone

Honed dark brown oak with parts of turf

Metal

Off-white steel fixtures – no chrome, no shine, no distraction

Lighting Design

Ambient

Recessed ceiling wash at 2700K – warm, even, calm

Accent

Narrow-beam spotlights on each product – theater without drama

Natural

Street-facing glass maximizes daylight through the full retail day and also inside a deep and dim orange lighting

Every Detail, Considered

The craft of the store is in its details. No element is arbitrary – every touchpoint communicates the same disciplined restraint that shapes the product itself. Signage is minimal and typographically precise. Labels are engraved rather than printed. Packaging is FSC-certified kraft, sealed with a single strip of the same reclaimed leather used in production.

Reclaimed material fragments are mounted as wall art throughout the space – not decoration, but evidence. Each piece shows the raw material in its pre-transformation state, reminding the visitor of the object's origin.

Signage

Etched oak, no printed panels – permanent, material, honest

Product Labels

Engraved steel micro-tags – source, loop count, maker mark

Packaging

Kraft box, reclaimed leather tie, no plastic of any kind

Wall Art

Material fragments mounted on raw steel – before the loop begins



LOOPED

Where Materials Come Full Circle

Premium accessories. Reclaimed materials. A retail space designed for intention, not impulse. This is not a store. This is a proof of concept – that circular fashion can be the most desirable fashion of all.

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