



## PRODUCED SUSTAINABLY AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

At Bamboo Basics, sustainability is paramount. Just like our customers, we make conscious and ethically minded choices in everything we do. Because we regularly receive questions about the social and environmental impact of our production processes, we like to be open and transparent about the strategies we have in place to minimize the impact we have on people and the environment. These are some of the choices we made:

### SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED

- ✓ Bamboo Basics uses bamboo from FSC certified plantations. The Forest Stewardship Council is an international organization dedicated to the preservation and conscious management of forests worldwide.  
[Read more about FSC here.](#)
- ✓ Bamboo Basics is OEKO-TEX 100 certified. This means that our products do not contain any harmful substances for people and the environment.  
[Read more about OEKO-TEX here.](#)
- ✓ In order to make bamboo yarn, you need two types of chemicals in the process. These chemicals do not end up in the environment because we use Tanboocel fibers. Tanboocel use a circular process in which 100% of the used chemicals are collected and recycled.
- ✓ To make our product stronger and give it a longer lifespan, we partly (28%) use organic cotton.
- ✓ Bamboo only needs sun and rainwater to grow. Cotton needs irrigation. For the production of 1 kilo of cotton, a total of 10,000 liters of water is needed (source: Better Cotton Initiative). In comparison, the production of 1 kilo of bamboo saves more than 7,000 liters of water.
- ✓ Bamboo does not require any insecticides or pesticides to grow. On the other hand, cotton is responsible for no less than 11% of all pesticides and 25% of all insecticides used each year worldwide.
- ✓ Bamboo absorbs 5 times more CO<sub>2</sub> than a similar group of trees, while releasing 35% more oxygen.
- ✓ Bamboo fiber is biodegradable.
- ✓ Bamboo is extremely efficient with the space in which it grows. Compared to cotton, bamboo grows 30 times faster and the roots remain in the soil, after which the plant grows again. Soil erosion is therefore prevented and less square meters of farmland is needed. This stops deforestation and, for example, gives space to growing food.
- ✓ The bamboo that Bamboo Basics uses is a different species than that eaten by the panda bear and does not come from the natural habitat of the animal.



## SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

- ✓ We have our own Code of Conduct. This describes the rules of conduct and the norms and values that we advocate, such as work safety, fair wages, no child labor, freedom of association and supervision on hygiene.  
[You can read the entire Code of Conduct here.](#)
- ✓ We only work with suppliers who have signed our Code of Conduct.
- ✓ The bamboo that we use in our products grows in China where it is locally processed into a readymade product. Bamboo Basics has offices in China and local employees who monitor compliance with our Code of Conduct on a daily basis.
- ✓ All our suppliers are BSCI certified. The Business Social Compliance Initiative is an initiative of worldwide companies committed to improve working conditions throughout the global supply chain.  
[Read more about BSCI here.](#)
- ✓ Independent recognized organizations oversee all processes. They provide us with an annual audit report.

Do you have any questions about these subjects?  
Please contact us. We are happy to tell you more.

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