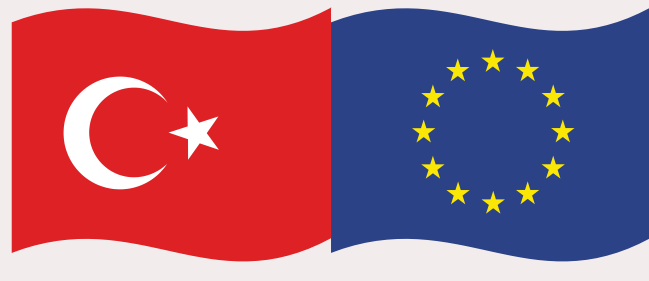


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Project Details



School Name: Siteler Vocational Training Center

Project Name: From Blue to Green: Unused Jeans Turn into Bags

Purpose

We aimed to raise awareness about textile wastes at our school and at Keçiören Vatansever Şehit Tümgeneral Aydoğan Aydın Science High School. We aimed to reuse unused jeans by turning them into design bags with upcycling applications.

Audience

The target audience of our project consisted of apprentice students in our school, students in the school with which we cooperate, teachers of both schools, school employees and all the entities around us affected by textile waste.

113 apprentice students, **14** science high school students and **4** teachers worked for the project;



- **20** kg of textile waste was recycled,
- **3,2** kg of chemicals have been prevented from being used,
- **2** thousand liters of water were saved,
- **70** pieces of design bags were produced.

Collaborations

Keçiören Vatansever Şehit Tümgeneral Aydoğan Aydın Science High School

15 Persons

In our project, we chose to focus on textile wastes in the jeans production sector and evaluated our options to upcycle these wastes. We have carried out informative activities in our school to raise awareness on this subject.



Due to the durability of the denim fabrics, we decided to make durable bags from waste denim products. We have seen that we can reflect different waste textile products other than jeans in our designs.



We conducted waste jeans collection studies at our school. We ensured that the school we cooperated with also collected and delivered out-of-use jeans products to us.



We created designs together with fashion design technologies students and teachers. We made interviews with teachers and students in the field of footwear and leathercraft technology at our school and made them design a bag.



With the products we prepared, we organized an exhibition at our school and carried out an awareness study again. We thanked the school we collaborated with for their contribution to our project by conveying the visuals of the products we produced, and we strengthened our solidarity muscles by working together.



What Do Beneficiaries and Implementers Think About the Project?

We both had fun and learned during the project process. We really loved making upcycle designs.



The textile industry needs to reorganize itself. The issue of waste needs to be reconsidered from the scratch. The project made me think about it.



I really hope this study goes on and other schools also realize it.

People use a lot of textile products; we often get bored and buy new ones. This behavior harms all of us, and we need to question and change our behavior.



Recommendations for Implementation and Development of the Project

- Conducting studies to question the textile sector and its wastes
- Adding textile waste and upcycling to the course content

- Collaboration of all apprenticeship training areas around the waste issue
- Performing "reduction" works in order to avoid waste

- Critically addressing the consumption preferences
- Examination of circular economy practices in the textile sector