

What to Do with Waste Yarns by Dawn Hettrich

Help **reCYCLE** and **upCYCLE** scrap yarns out of landfills and our waterways

Don't know what to do with your waste yarns? Here are some suggestions:

reCYCLE



Bay State Textiles has containers throughout CT where unusable clothing, shoes & linens are recycled into carpet padding. IF you mix your scrap yarns lightly in with the clothing, you can recycle them here. But be respectful, their machines do not like clumps of loose yarns and can jam their machines and negatively impact their recycling effort! Use the website below to find a container near you: www.baystatetextiles.com

TERRACYCLE is a resource who markets different sizes of a 'ZERO WASTE BOX' for the home, studio or events. I was assured by the Senior Director of Business, Ariella Gastel, that yarn scrap is accepted. At the website attached below, you can simply choose the Zero Waste Box™ for what you'd like to recycle, fill the box, and send it back to TerraCycle when you're ready. There may be free TERRACYCLE drop-off locations within your area listed on their website: <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/pages/zero-waste-box-faq>



upCYCLE into new art forms!

There are many creative ways to upcycle your scrap threads and the Singapore artist **Agy** has great examples at her website:

<https://www.agytextileartist.com/blog/how-to-upcycle-your-scrap-threads>

In addition, simply GOOGLE 'What to do with leftover yarns' and you'll find a plethora of projects that include use as stuffing, crochet rugs using a "linen stitch", re-spin into an original yarn or use dissolvable film to create tiles to quilt or make 3 dimensional forms.