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YOUR ETHICAL MAKING CHECKLIST

This checklist is divided into different categories along the making process. You can use it to track what ethical making changes you can implement in your practice.

Responsible sourcing of raw materials with transparent supply chains

- If using gold or silver, use Fairtrade, Fairmined or 100% recycled
- If using gemstones, source from transparent suppliers who can tell you about the mines and miners they source from
- If using other materials such as glass, wood, ceramics or plastics, source sustainably (i.e. sustainably sourced wood, recycled glass or plastics, bioplastics)
- Make use of alternative materials such as recycled objects, or repurposed waste

Use of alternatives to chemicals

- Non-toxic pickle
- Eco-resins
- Lead-free enamel
- Biodegradable soap for degreasing metal
- Boiled eggs for oxidising
- Salt water etching
- Cadmium-free solders and fluoride-free fluxes
- Silica-free polishing compounds

Print and packaging materials

- Reduce paper use wherever possible
- Use recycled, recyclable and/or biodegradable paper and packaging materials
- If using inks, use vegetable based inks
- Recycle your paper products and ink cartridges

Reduce your waste and energy consumption

- Make use of zero waste or circular economy design methods to cut out waste
- Implement an efficient metal reclamation system in your studio
- Dispose of chemicals responsibly
- Consider 'green' energy sourcing for your workshop

And share your progress with your consumers to help educate on the issues!

Visit The Scottish Goldsmiths Trust's Ethical Making Resource for more information on sourcing metals and stones, workshop practices, where to find suppliers of ethically sourced materials and ethical making research.

www.ethicalmaking.org

