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Looking to give more meaningful presents this Christmas?

This special eBook is filled with our favourite sustainable and socially responsible gift ideas. Compiled by the Yova Impact Investing team, it contains items suitable for loved ones of all ages.

We hope you enjoy discovering them.

Your Yova Team

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Greeting Card

Handmade Crochet Cards



For those who like to write

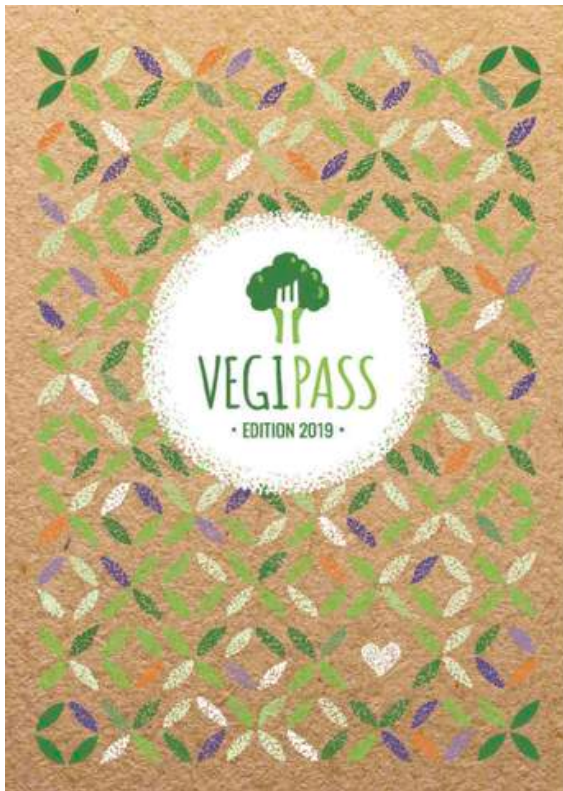
Price
12.90 Francs

Where can I buy the product?
Online at hervorragend.ch

Made by young deaf women in Vietnam, each motif is a meticulously handcrafted unique piece. Hervorragend, a social enterprise that sells many types of cards, ensures social responsibility throughout the entire value chain, from production to the customer. The company attaches great importance to fair working conditions, and provides jobs to socially disadvantaged people and those with physical disabilities wherever possible. In Switzerland, the company works with the TRANSfair Foundation for its packaging, storage, logistics and dispatch. At present, 8 - 10 people with mental disabilities are given meaningful employment.

VegiPass

Explore vegetarian and vegan foods



For conscious connoisseurs

Price

79 Francs

Where can I buy the product?

Online at vegipass.ch

Would you like to discover new restaurants and cafes, all while consuming fewer animal products? With the VegiPass it's easy. Grab your friends, and make your way around more than 100 participating eateries in Zurich, Bern, Basel, Lucerne, Fribourg, Lausanne and Geneva. At each place, you receive a one-time discount of 50 percent for 2 people. You can also opt for a 33 percent for 3 people, 25 percent for 4, or 20 percent for 5. VegiPass also includes enticing deals for food trucks, takeaways, cooking classes, yoga, shops and more.

BeeHome Bee House

Wild Bee Partnership



For urban and rural people

Price

From 120 Francs

Where can I buy the product?

Online at

shop.wildbieneundpartner.ch

As a result of urban sprawl and agricultural intensification, the habitats of bees have become increasingly scarce, leaving around half of all wild bee species in Switzerland endangered. With a BeeHome unit, you actively help Switzerland's bee population, safeguarding their all-important pollination process. BeeHome delivers a starter population in spring, and takes the bees back for hibernation in autumn. The BeeHomes can be placed in the city or in the country: The peaceful animals feel at home everywhere!

Treanie Ripped Leaf

Sponsor a tree



For warm ears

Price
25 Francs

Where can I buy the product?
Online at [nikin.ch](https://www.nikin.ch)

Nikin is a young Swiss fashion label from the Canton of Aargau. The company uses sustainable and fair fashion to counteract deforestation around the world. By buying a Treanie, you not only keep your ears warm, but you also plant a tree in your name. For every product sold, a tree is planted in a place where forests have disappeared due to agriculture, industry, fire and drought. You also receive a personal tree certificate made of tree-free paper. Remember, there can be no life without trees!

Xyloba Melody Track

A marble toy that makes music



For aspiring engineers and musicians

Price

From 260 Francs

Where can I buy the product?

In toy shops all over Switzerland.

More info at xyloba.ch

Xyloba helps children get a feeling for music. They design and construct tracks, which create melodies when marbles pass through. The toy's modular design means the musical possibilities are almost unlimited. Not only is this a great activity for children to enjoy, it is also made with care by a social enterprise in Basel. The Weizenkorn Foundation offers more than 200 work and training positions to predominantly young women and men who, for psychological reasons, are temporarily or permanently unable to find a job.

Cocoa Butter

100% natural and vegan



For natural beauties

Price

18 Francs

Where can I buy the product?

Online at [organicbodycare.ch](https://www.organicbodycare.ch) or in the Organic Body Care Shop at Zentralstrasse 37, 8004 Zurich, Switzerland

This luxurious cocoa butter can be used on the face or body. It contains nourishing natural ingredients to smooth, firm and care for the skin. The product is manufactured in France and imported in a CO2-neutral way.

Its stockist, Organic Body Care, is a treasure trove of 100% natural, vegan and organic body products. Everything comes from small manufacturers, and many products are handmade. The carefully selected range is screened to ensure it doesn't contain the problematic ingredients found in conventional beauty products.

Rotauf Winter Jacket

Completely made in Switzerland



**For adventurers who want to
get high up**

Price
438 Francs

**Where can I buy the product?
kaufen?**
Online at rotauf.ch

This cosy warm jacket is both sporty and elegant. The fleece comes from organic mountain sheep in the Disentiser Alps, while the robust windproof fabric comes from Ziegelbrücke. The jacket is produced in a sewing workshop in Widnau. Suitable for men and women, it meets the highest social and ecological standards, which can be seen in detail on rotauf.ch.

Rotauf produces high-performance outdoor clothing in Switzerland, without environmentally harmful chemicals. It is committed to setting fair prices.

WormUp HOME

Home Worm Composter



For organic recyclers

Price
340 francs

Where can I buy the product?
Online at wormup.ch

In Switzerland, more than 500,000 tons of food scraps end up in the garbage bin every year - which creates methane gas, one of the worst of the greenhouse gases. The WormUp HOME uses earthworms to transform food scraps into nutrient-rich organic fertiliser. Developed as an interior object, its simple design and sustainable choice of materials is impressive. The unit can be placed in your home, basement, or outside. In the WormUp Academy, you learn everything about keeping worms as pets and how the worm composter works.

Sustain a Bum

Diapers gift box



For environmentally conscious parents

Price
69.90 Francs

Where can I buy the product?
Online at sustainaliving.com

Sustain a Living is driven by a vision where everyone uses sustainable products, produces no waste and consumes few resources. The Sustain a Bum diaper was introduced in 2013 and this gift pack includes 2 diapers, a waterproof bag, 2 bamboo inserts and a roll of 100 sheets of bamboo fleece lining for easier disposal. The diapers are adjustable for S-M-L. Parents who opt for cloth diapers avoid the production and purchase of approximately 6,000 disposable diapers – preventing around 1,000kg of waste per child.

GOT BAG

The first backpack made of Ocean Plastic



For the globetrotter

Price
119.00 Euros

Where can I buy the product?
Online at kickstarter.com
More info at got-bag.com

GOT BAG is a small start-up with a big vision. It wants to reduce the estimated 269,000 tons of plastic currently circulating in our oceans – by creating robust, waterproof bags that last.

GOT BAG works with a growing network of fishermen who pull plastic from the depths of the ocean. The plastic is collected in their nets and then processed into high-quality yarn, which is used to make the fabrics for their backpacks. The first shipment is in January – you will receive a voucher which you can give to your loved ones on Christmas day.

Choba Choba

Chocolate Revolution

Chocolate directly from farmers



For chocoholics

Price
27.50 Francs

Where can I buy the product?
Online at chobachoba.com

At Choba Choba, cocoa farmers are no longer just raw material suppliers. They are directly involved in the company's decisions and success. The farmers determine the price of their cocoa and, as shareholders, profit directly from Choba Choba's profits. They are represented on the company's board and have a say in product development and marketing strategy. Every chocolate you buy has a direct positive effect on the income of the cocoa farmers. This box includes 3 x 91g bars of fine dark chocolate crafted in Switzerland.

Social Fabric

Removable and reversible collar



For the fashion conscious

Price
59 Francs

Where can I buy the product?
Online at socialfabric.ch

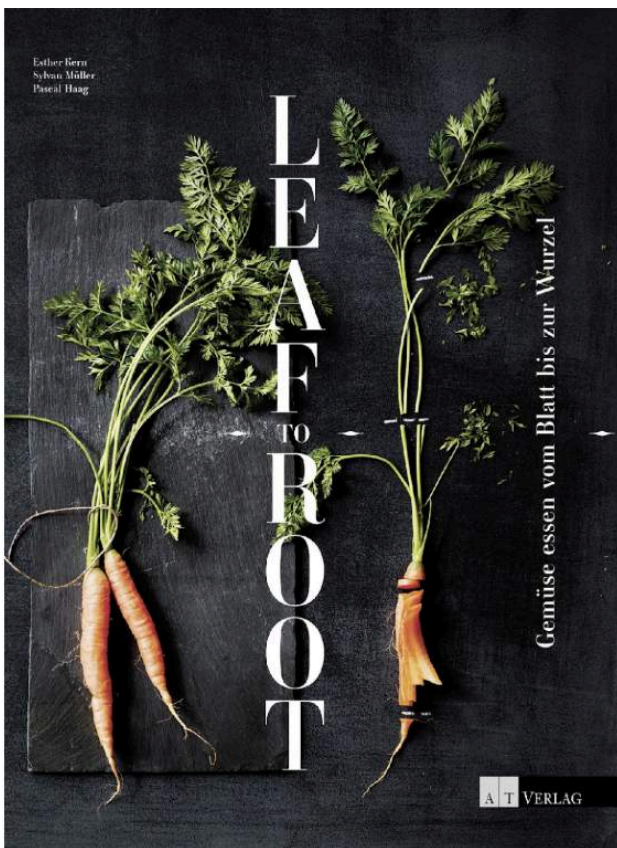
Social Fabric is a center based in Zurich that promotes the use of textiles and clothing that have a small ecological and positive social footprint.

These particular collars are sewn in collaboration with refugees, which provides new skills and important work experience in Switzerland.

The fabric is either 100% organic cotton or a mix of organic cotton and recycled PET. The fabric is produced by Lebenskleidung, a German start-up company that produces sustainable textiles. It is knitted in Portugal.

Cookbook "Leaf to Root"

Inspiration for reducing food waste



For hobby and professional chefs

Price
59 Francs

Where can I buy the product?

Online at at-verlag.ch or in your local bookstore.

Why don't we eat carrot leaves? Why is the watermelon shell a classic cooking ingredient in the USA, when it ends up in the garbage in Europe? Just as with meat, where the fillet is not necessarily the best piece, there are new parts to discover when it comes to vegetables. Radish leaves turn into lettuce, pea shells into soup, cauliflower leaves into curry. The authors show a wide range of possible uses for leaves, stems, stalks and roots to keep food waste to a minimum. This work, unique in its comprehensive approach, inspires everyday cooking and also encourages professional chefs to rediscover it. Please note that the cookbook is only available in German.

Freitag Wallet F51 Dallas

Robust and recycled



For trendy shoppers

Price

70 Francs

Where can I buy the product?

Online at freitag.ch or in over 20 shops throughout Switzerland

The company began in 1993 in a shared flat in Hardbrücke, Zurich, with a dirty truck tarpaulin and an old sewing machine. It has become an iconic Swiss brand with fans all over the world. In 25 years, the tarpaulins of more than 85,000 trucks have been repurposed into more than 4,000,000 unique bags. In addition, Freitag has now sold around 12,000 pairs of biodegradable trousers.

This wallet holds around eight credit cards plus small change. As with all Freitag products, it is handmade and completely unique.

WWF Polar bear adoption

Help preserve polar bear habitats



For big and small animal lovers

Price

80 Francs

Where can I buy the product?

Online at shop.wwf.ch

The polar bear's habitat is literally melting away under his paws – due to climate change, the Arctic ice is receding faster and faster. With the symbolic polar bear adoption you are helping the WWF to do even more for the polar bear and its habitat.

The World Wildlife Fund is committed to combating climate change around the globe. It also plays an important role in educating the population of the consequences of climate change and lobbies at the political level to improve the framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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