

kids art contest

Kids, we want you to be as excited about saving the planet as we are at Ragfinery, so we are inviting you to join us in imagining a future where textiles don't end up in landfills! **Each person in the U.S. generates an average of 82 pounds of textiles per year. Of that 82 pounds, 85% goes to our landfills** (EPA 2009 Federal MSW waste study). With everyone in the U.S. that adds up to 25 billion pounds of textile waste per year, and in an age of fast fashion, this amount is growing.

One of the ways Ragfinery is working to reduce textile waste is by helping to inspire creative reuse and teaching our community ways to upcycle. Upcycle means to "reuse discarded materials to create a product of higher quality or value." Basically, making new stuff out of old stuff.

>>> **This is where you come in.** We want to see your creative drawing of an imaginary creature who will help stop clothing and other textiles from ending up in the garbage. What will it look like? Will it have big eyes for seeing clothing going into the trash? A big brain for dreaming up new ideas and solutions to the issue of textile waste? An inner sensor to detect where help is needed? Tiny feet to remind people to reduce their carbon footprint? You put it on paper, we'll bring it to life!

How it works: Grab a sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper and get drawing! Your imagination is the only limit to what you draw. Use **color** too! Then tell us about it on your entry form. What are this creature's abilities? How does it help us? Why did you design it that way? If needed, parents can help you write down the description of your creature, but the drawing should be all yours.

Who can enter: Kids ages 6 to 17. Creative kids can enter our contest in one of three age categories: 6 and under, 7 to 12, or 13 to 17. One prize will be awarded in each age category.

When & Where: Submit artwork and description no later than 5:00 PM on June 15th at Ragfinery, 1421 N Forest St. Visit ragfinery.com or come into our shop to get an entry form. Prizes will be awarded and winners announced on June 29th.

Prizes: The winner in each category will receive a handmade plush version of their artwork, transformed from upcycled materials into a real life, locally handmade, upcycled stuffie that you can hold and squeeze and love. You'll also receive a \$25 gift certificate to Ragfinery, valid towards Ragfinery merchandise (some restrictions apply) or workshops. This includes our full lineup of summer camps! Camps run all summer long from June 25th through August 16th. Choose from Wonder Wool, Five Days of Flags, Hogwarts Express, Upcycle Fashion Camp, or learn to make your own stuffie in our Creature Feature camp! Details about all of our kids camps can be found on our website under the Workshops tab.

Your drawing and its 3D sewn version will be retained for display in our shop until July 20th, and all art entries will be showcased on social media for the community to see your creative ideas as well!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday, May 15	Contest opens
Saturday, June 15	Deadline for entries, Ragfinery, 1421 N. Forest St, Bellingham
Saturday, June 29	Winners announced and prizes given!

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ENTRY FORM

Artist name	Artist age category 6 and under 7 to 12 13 to 17
Parent/Guardian name	Contact phone
Email	Staff member accepting submission
Creature's name:	
Description: Up to 75 words describing your imaginary creature's physical features and waste saving skills!	
Signature (I have read the rules and agree to terms)	Date