

# Recycelte Garne aus Prato



**Facts:** Every year 22000 tons of rags are brought to Prato for recycling. So many textiles are recycled in no other European city. People all over the world realized that recycling textiles is good for the environment and the climate and recycling is becoming more and more important. Compared to the production of virgin fiber products, the production of recycled yarns saves the following annual quantities:

- 60 million KW electricity
- 500.000 m3 water
- 650 tons of dyeing material
- 18,000 tons CO2

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#### Instruction booklet

Art. 9962 Recycled yarns from Prato  
With information about recycling in Prato,  
and 2 instructions each for Eco Jeans, Eco  
Greta Cashmere and Eco Luisa.

**Historical background:** The textile industry has a centuries-old tradition in Prato, northern Italy. The recycling of textiles has also been historically documented since the 16th century.

In Prato the soldiers of the great emperors and kings of Europe were dressed for the great battles and after the wars huge quantities of uniforms, flags and standards were disposed of here. The soldiers of the great generals, such as Charles V, Emperor of the Roman Empire, or Napoleon were dressed here.

During Napoleon's war against the Russians in 1812 about 2.0 million soldiers died. The rags ended up back in Prato for further recycling. The professional commercialization of recycling began in the World War II, when many uniforms were again brought to Prato.

