



• CRAFT/PROFESSION

Claire LEBORGNE makes handcrafted bags from all kinds from recycled materials. She uses a variety of materials discarded by local businesses or institutions: advertising banners, airbags, car seatbelts, food packaging, various kinds of fabric (from tents, pennants, yacht sails, kitesurf or hang glider sails, etc.), airbeds... Claire's skillful hands give them all a new lease of life.



She recovers the materials she needs, cuts them to the required size and shape, cleans them and stitches them together using a specialised sewing machine. Claire is passionate about her craft and will work all hours to transform her materials and "see the finished piece come to life!"



• BACKGROUND

Claire learned to sew at her grandmother's side and carried on with her beloved sewing while working as a trained nurse. In 2016, she felt the need for a change and, after careful thought and preparation, set up "Ressac", her own company. She breathes new life into discarded materials by transforming them into unique and inventive articles. She was determined that her new profession should reflect her ideas and way of life.



"We live in a world where consumer goods are frenziedly purchased and thrown away. Through "Ressac", I wanted to draw myself and other people into a new way of consuming. My company has been awarded the "circular economy" label" explains Claire. "Ressac" is also a real affirmation of environmental principles.

• INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Claire designs and makes high quality handbags, kit bags, school satchels, wallets and shopping bags. Although some styles are similar in appearance, the different materials used to create them make each piece unique.

Claire strongly supports the "Zero Waste" movement and belongs to several associative networks which give her craft business enhanced coherence and meaning. "What must we do to stop the avalanche of packaging or how do we transform waste into something new? My watchwords are awareness and restraint" says Claire.