



Meet the Shingles Made from Wood Industry Waste

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What if you could take something that's normally thrown away and turn it into a high-quality building material? That's exactly what [B-Corporation Bark House](#) is doing. And they're running a stellar business while they're at it.

Bark House shingles [are made from tree bark](#), a material traditionally discarded by the wood industry. They're the first ever product to be Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Platinum. This certification is serious business, and Bark House shingles have to meet some rigorous standards when it comes to waste, operations, and social impacts.

The Appalachian company's shingles don't ever become waste. Instead, when the shingles are done being shingles, they can be composted, giving nutrients back to the Earth. The shingles themselves are totally non-toxic, meaning that they don't contribute to indoor air pollution when installed inside. Added bonus? They're freaking beautiful.



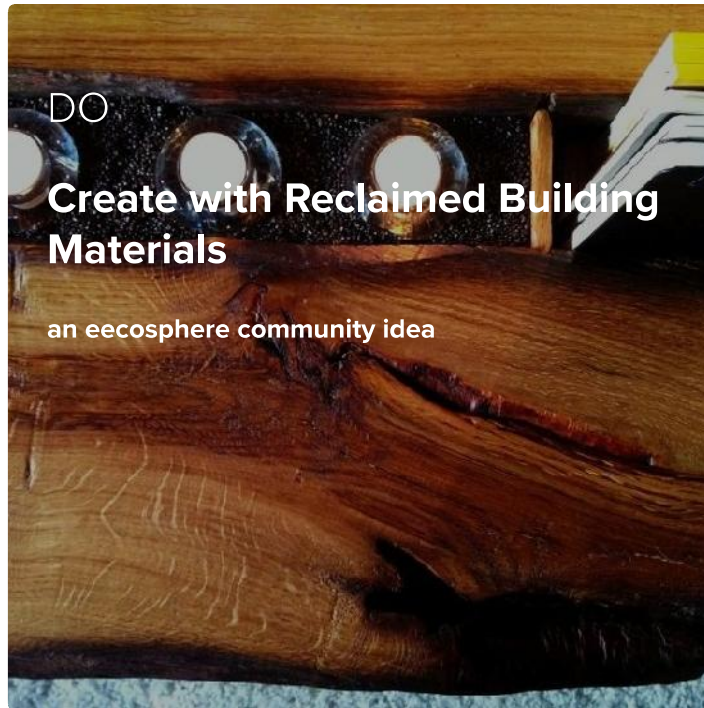
Bark House makes outdoor and indoor building materials made of tree bark | image: [Bark House](#)

Cradle to Cradle Certified™ Platinum doesn't just address the product, though. It also addresses how the company does business, and Bark House hits all of the bullet points here, too. Their operation is totally solar powered, and their workers make

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The company almost sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? [Check out their website](#) for more on what they do, why and how they do it, and how to get Bark House shingles for your next project.



Over 170 million tons of construction and demolition waste is produced in the US annually, but many of those materials could be reclaimed instead of trashed. Reuse building materials to be resource-efficient and keep usable items out of landfills.

The Takeaway

Building with reclaimed materials isn't only the most sustainable, it can also produce some really beautiful results! For your next home improvement project, check out the resources in the link below to keep your impact low as possible.

 [Create with Reclaimed Building Materials](#)



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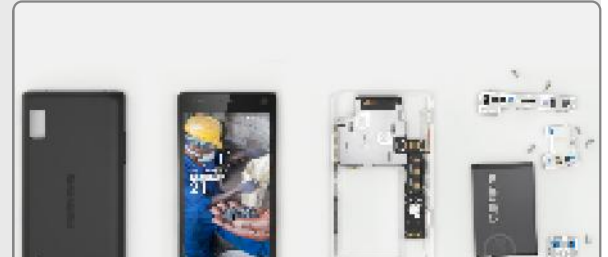
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