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## Like Leather- alternatives to leather

From fish leather to slippers made from palm leaves, and from leathery accessories of animal entrails and bladders to a notebook with a cover made from coffee grounds. Designers think of all kinds of sustainable alternatives for leather. Or develop ways and methods to give leather a longer life or lifecycle. From 4 July to 29 September, the exhibition Like Leather will be on show at Yksi Expo with fifteen surprising examples.

### Downside

Leather is a beautiful material, but its production has a downside. How are the animals kept and treated? Tanning has become less polluting over time, but many chemicals are still being used. And it costs a lot of water.

### Circular economy

The Like Leather exhibition shows a number of products, concepts and production methods developed by designers looking for alternatives to leather. Mostly from the desire to contribute to a circular economy and a sustainable world.

Some of them start with a totally different source - the skin of fish for example, or the entrails and bladders of sheep, pigs and cows. Materials that usually end up with the waste. There are also designers who use vegetable fibers such as the leaves of a palm tree. And even from coffee grounds you can make a cover for a notebook. Other examples show designers trying to extend the life span of leather or to recycle leather goods.

The exhibition Like Leather was put together by Leonne Cuppen, Daria Biryukova and Sabine Silaraja. See also [www.yksiexpo.nl](http://www.yksiexpo.nl)

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