

## DISPOSABLE COFFEE CUP IS FULLY COMPOSTABLE



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The quest for a better coffee cup continues apace. Even as participants in the [Betacup](#) contest wrack their brains for a paradigm-busting alternative, Australian [Planetware](#) has quietly proposed its own solution: a fully compostable cup and lid. PLANet cups are not just made using forest-friendly paper, they're also lined with biofilm instead of petroleum-based plastic. That biofilm is made from renewable plant material; in part as a result, the cups comply with the harmonised [European standard EN 13432](#) and are 100 percent compostable in commercial facilities. PLANet cup lids, meanwhile, are also made from biodegradable plant-derived material and are fully compostable as well. All printing on PLANet cups is done with water-based inks to reduce the number of chemicals used. Planetware is also in the process of seeking [FSC](#) accreditation from its suppliers. PLANet cups are white to allow for brand stamps by small businesses; for an additional setup fee, orders of 25,000 or more can have their own logo automatically printed. Coffee shops, restaurants and other purveyors of hot beverages: one to try out on your own ethically minded consumers...? (Related: [From pressed leaves, disposable dishes.](#)) Spotted by: Shannon Barry

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