

Plastic recycling: temple in Thailand turns used bottles into monks' robes, and hopes to turn followers into recyclers

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- Buddhists earn karmic credit by donating alms, such as food and monks' robes, to monasteries. One temple now accepts used plastic bottles as alms instead
- Processing plants turn the plastic into cloth from which volunteers sew new robes. The project is one of several recycling initiatives the monks have launched

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The robes that monks in a temple in Thailand are wearing are made from plastic bottles – a recycling initiative set up by acting abbot Phra Maha Pranom Dhammalangkaru.

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