

Concept

According to Statistics Canada, **145 million pens** are imported into the country in an average year. Collectively, these pens travel thousands of kilometres and generate a significant amount of non-recyclable plastic waste that winds up in landfill.

As a designer of objects, **kotmo's** primary mission is to use eco-design to create sustainable, locally made promotional items. Significant demand from clients motivated the design team to build the most environment-friendly pen possible.

Design and manufacture

After more than three years of research, collaborations with key players in manufacturing and plenty of trial and error, kotmo's design team arrived at the final ciklo design. By bringing together multiple local companies for the project, kotmo has built a new production chain to make a high-quality project and pursue its mission to revolutionizing the promotional items industry by delivering a sustainable alternative.

Circular economy

Convert your old **ciklos** into new ones

kotmo has established a **ciklo** collection program in collaboration with **MultiRecycle**.

What happens to a ciklo once it has been put in the collection box?

The ciklo is sent to our partner, MultiRecycle, which disassembles the pens (removes their cartridges) to ensure that the casing is not contaminated and is fit for recycling. The casing is then sent to their recycling partner. Once recycled, the resulting material can be used by a variety of Quebec manufacturers, including kotmo.