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## In Italy Prisoners Can Send Handcrafted Tweets

### To communicate with the outside world

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Its goal is to provide job training and voluntary full-time employment to women imprisoned for minor offences. They make gadgets, giving new life to unwanted textiles. It's a sustainable idea based on the 'second-chance philosophy', for both fabrics and for women who are in prison. Through learning a craft, these women can earn a salary and have a chance for a better life once they leave prison. These new skills give them the opportunity to understand their worth and to play an active role in society.

Made in Carcere had a problem : recruitment inside the prison was difficult due to the indifference of the prisoners. The company asked Tonic International to find a solution and #Tweet From A Prison was born. A prisoner can sew her tweet on a bracelet and submit it to the outside world thanks to the Made in Carcere e-commerce website. A special sewing machine is connected directly to the Made in Carcere Twitter page. Every time a person sends a tweet reply, it will be instantly sewn by the machine and delivered inside the prison.

Cristiano Tonnarelli, Executive Creative Director of Tonic International, adds: 'Made in Carcere's goal is to provide job training and voluntary full-time employment to women imprisoned for minor offences, while reducing waste by giving new life to unwanted textiles. With #TweetfromAprison project we want to encourage prisoners to join Made in Carcere and to expose them, at least conceptually, to the digital chatter that now defines modern life and can make reintegration all the more daunting.'

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