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## What a great opportunity to give back.

"When I was 30, I quit my job in technology and decided to study clothing design. I learned about Women's Initiative for Self Employment and took their course to learn to write a business plan. I graduated, took out a loan, and started my business, w.e.a.

I design and make children's clothing using vintage materials. Recently, I got an e-mail from Rebecca Kousky, the founder of [Nest](#). She hand-picks products to sell on her site and uses the profits to grant micro-credit loans to women artisans in developing countries, who then sell their products through the Nest Website. Rebecca asked me to participate by including clothing. What a great opportunity to give back to people I could relate to. Knowing what I went through, being scared, thinking, 'It's never going to work.' This feels like such a beautiful way to help other women achieve their goals. Even though they'll never know me, I can help someone across the world."

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