

A 200-year-old theatre.  
A zero-compromise fit-out.

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CASE STUDY - THE OLD VIC, LONDON

# The Old Vic opened Backstage in October 2025

A six-storey creative hub where every material decision was deliberate, from the low-embodied carbon glulam timber frame to café tabletops pressed from recycled theatre programmes.

The waste infrastructure had to meet the same standard.



# Infrastructure to match the building

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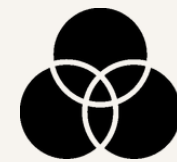
Method supplied **60L** and **20L** stations across green, red, and grey lid configurations, placed throughout Backstage's shared and public-facing spaces.

Bespoke vinyls were produced to match the colour scheme already in use across the theatre, making the two buildings read as one system



## Visual fit as a functional requirement

Stations were going into public-facing circulation spaces. Appearance was as operationally relevant as durability.



## Colour continuity across both buildings

The existing theatre used specific lid colours. New stations had to match for sorting consistency. Method produced bespoke vinyls. No other supplier assessed offered that level of adaptation.



## End-of-life credentials

Method stations are manufactured from fully recyclable polypropylene, carry a five-year warranty, and are returned to Method for recycling at end of life. No other provider The Old Vic assessed offered a take-back programme.



## Durability matched to use context

High footfall and public visibility required stations built to hold up without regular maintenance intervention.



The liner change process required no separate training protocol. In Helen's words:

"Showing our cleaners how simple the bins are to change and conceal the bags was a really lovely moment."

“ Aesthetically, the bins were so smart and unlike anything else on the market. Our architects have recently reached out to us on who we procured the bins through as they would like to recommend them to their other clients too.”

“ What stood out was exceptional customer service where every request we made could be accommodated. Because of this exceptional service, we have recommended Method to others, and some of our staff have enquired as they would like similar bins in their homes.”

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**Helen Hodge,**  
*Associate Director of Special Projects,  
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If you are planning a new build, a refurbishment, or a fit-out where waste infrastructure needs to belong in the space, get in touch with Method.

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