

Inquiry Question

What can you do with your old t-shirts?

What are ways you can contribute to decreasing the impact on our planet when considering your current practices when you no longer want a fashion garment?

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



General Instructions

Sustainable project

The idea of this project is to take an old t-shirt and turn it into something new.

You do not need to sew for this but you can if you would like. Your final project does not even need to be a piece of clothing....it is completely up to you where you want to go with this idea

T-shirts are made from jersey fabric which is a woven material that frays very little so is perfect for repurposing. Upcycling is another fun and creative way of extending the life of textiles by delaying their trip to landfill.

There are endless examples of how this could be done....

Follow the following steps:

1. Start by finding inspiration...Provide three websites of inspiration. Google "upcycle t-shirt" to get project ideas Here are a few links that I found in minutes...

<https://www.cutoutandkeep.net/projects/t-shirt-recon-6>

<https://youtu.be/sTFEuesCKZc>

<https://youtu.be/YI9IdKT6AB4>

2. Photograph of your t-shirt before you begin (I want you in this photo-perhaps wearing the t-shirt or holding it up)
3. Write a paragraph outlining your ideas for the project. Include what you were inspired by. Include how something like this project would decrease impact on our planet

These questions MIGHT help guide you....

-How does this connect to ethical fashion?

-How does it connect to the concept of sustainable fashion

-Did you see an example of the project on line?

-Do you love the season of "Fall" and want something that uses these colors in nature?

<http://www.colourlovers.com/blog/2007/09/23/seasonal-color-inspiration-autumn/>

-Perhaps you like Andy Warhol and want something that incorporate taking a simple form like a soup can and turning it into a piece of pop art... <http://www.christies.com/features/2010-october-andy-warhol-campbells-soup-can-tomato-1022-1.aspx>

-Are you inspired by Picasso and are you intrigued by the way he has used design to break up space? <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/art/artsales/5569145/Battle-of-the-Picasso-paintings.html>

For this part of the assignment- provide images and links where possible.

3. Photograph the process-minimum of 6 photos with you in at least 2 pictures.
4. Photograph of the final project-again you need to be in this photo!
5. A paragraph reflecting on the process and your final project. If you need help reflecting on the process, you can use the following statements to help guide your reflection
 - In making this project I learned....
 - I found it interesting....
 - I was most challenged by....
 - After creating this project I am more curious about....

Rubric

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Websites of inspiration	Very creative. Development of your individual style is clearly shared through the websites you have chosen	You have met the criteria for the assignment but your websites do not convey an image or idea of inspiration very clearly	It is clear that you did not understand the purpose of this part of the assignment. You are not successful in conveying a theme or feeling from the websites you have chosen
T-shirt ideas before starting (Paragraph)	Your Paragraph clearly outlines your inspiration and connection to environmental impact	You outline your inspiration and connection to environmental impact but you could have dug a bit deeper	You do not clearly outlines your inspiration or your connection to reducing environmental impact with your project
Photographs	Excellent image of the original t-shirt and the process. A minimum of 7 photos were included	You have included some of the photos outline in the assignment but are missing a few	You did little to share the process with me.
Project t-shirt	Excellent design, well-constructed and your end product is creative with attention to detail	One or two elements of your design could use more attention but overall you did well.	It looks like your project did not go as well as anticipated.
Reflective Paragraph	Excellent reflection. You clearly have given the process a lot of thought	You have made some good connections with the process.	Little effort or thought was given to the process

Possible score 15



Materials you'll need:

- Old t-shirt
- A camera

Project submission:

Please complete your project on a word doc with attached photos (or provide a link to your photo) to the submission area below