

Home Makes: No Sew Clothes

This activity is perfect for Key Stage 3 pupils (aged 11-14)

Be inspired by fashion designer Yohji Yamamoto to make your own no-sew piece of clothing—just by folding, pleating and pinning. Get creative with draping to create volume and shape, take some photos, then undo everything and start again.



Materials:

You'll need a large T-shirt, shirt, bed sheet or other large piece of fabric. Don't worry—you won't be cutting anything during the activity so the garment won't be damaged at all.

Equipment:

- Hair clips or paper clips
- Elastic bands or hair bands
- Bulldog clips
- Dressmaker' pins or safety pins
- Camera / smart phone
- Someone to be your model! (optional)

You'll learn about:

How to drape and manipulate fabric to create volume and shape.

Time:

This activity can take from 1- 3 hours.

You can make as many different styles as you want or just the one you really like.

Challenge: find four ways to redesign your garment or piece of fabric, creating different shapes by tying, pinning and clipping it.

Make your styles as unusual as you can!

It will be easier if you can get someone to be your model—that way you can adjust the garment on the body. Fashion designers often work onto a mannequin or real model. Take a photo of each look—think about styling, props and setting to create your fashion photos.

- Use Mode Street fashion and the work of Yohji Yamamoto as inspiration. Try:
- Doing up a shirt wrong to create an asymmetric effect
- Adding clips to the sleeves
- Reshaping the garment using elastic bands
- Pinning to create pleats and folds

Talk and Make

- Can you make the garment asymmetrical?
- Can you change the garment from a shirt to a skirt?
- How can you style the garment for a runway show?
- Who would wear your design?

Top Tips:

Experiment with lots of different ways to add shape and style to your garment before you decide on your four final looks.

This activity is easier with oversized garments but you could use your school shirt.

When taking your photos try to exaggerate the shapes you have created.

Can you make this into a whole photoshoot?

Use Adobe Spark to create a collage of your photographs.



Gather all of your materials and equipment together.



You can button the shirt wrong to give it extra volume.



You can use hair pins to create pleats.



Or hold together folds with dressmaker's pins.



Use bulldog clips to create an asymmetrical garment.



Don't forget you can adjust the back of the shirt.



You can also adjust a t-shirt by twisting and holding with elastic bands.



Most important, just have fun!

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