

Recycled Fashion

Goals: to create new articles of clothing from materials to be recycled or thrown out; practice clothing vocabulary in French

Supplies: Hot glue, scissors, staples, possibly tape and recycled materials! You will want to collect them over a few weeks. Recycled materials include:

- Newspapers and magazines
- Bottle caps
- Juice boxes
- Pizza boxes, or other items from hot lunch
- Tissue boxes and toilet paper rolls
- Plastic grocery bags or other single use bags
- Labels



How the project works:

1. Students work in groups to create fashion that uses the recycled materials and minimal new materials (some glue, etc, will be required for connecting the recycled materials!)
 - o Skirts, dresses, hats, bags and aprons might be among the easier options
2. Each group should make at least one item, but can make others if they have time
3. When they have created their clothing item, they should fill out a script and prepare to introduce the person wearing it.
4. At the end of the project, the class will host a fashion show, where one group member wears the item and other group member(s) use the script to describe what the person is wearing in French.

Alternate ideas:

1. Rather than having a choice, all students could use one kind of recycled material (e.g., cookie bags from hot lunch)
2. Students could be encouraged to paint their recycled objects to make them unrecognizable
3. Rather than working in a group on a clothing item that someone could wear, students could make mini versions that would fit a doll, puppet, finger puppet or small mannequin, and/or could be displayed on the wall. This makes a small amount of collected material go a long way, and makes less mess in class.

Have a look at other recycled fashion shows for inspiration:

<https://www.timbercreektalon.com/2015/05/fashion-design-students-put-on-recycled-fashion-show/>

Script:

Use the following script, or make up your own sentence strips to describe what your classmate is wearing, to create a fashion show.

Voici _____	Here is [insert name here].
Il / elle porte _____	He / she is wearing [insert name of clothing]
Le _____ est _____	The [clothing] is [name colours of clothing]
Le _____ est fait de - - -	The [clothing] is made from - [name recycled objects]

* www.wordreference.com is a great resource for finding words you don't know in French, especially for the recycled objects

* iel is the pronoun often used for non-binary francophones; it's the general equivalent of singular "they" in English

