

Patch Skirt Project

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Short Description: This workshop will enable you to develop skills in upcycling, adding value to unwanted garments and reducing waste sent to landfill.

Skills Gained: Pattern cutting, machining, material selection, design development

Audience and Space: This workshop is ideal for small and larger class sizes

Duration: 1 day

What happens?: Students and participants will be asked to bring in garments they no longer wear. A presentation will be delivered talking about the sustainable benefits of upcycling. Students will be given a basic pattern as a starting point and using the materials they have collected, will create a design with their unloved garments. A new pattern will be made enabling them to repeat the process with other unwanted garments. Participants will make up their designed skirt. Participants will then engage in peer review and sharing of ideas in an informal presentation format.

Equipment Needed: Sewing machines, bobbins, threads, trimmings, pattern paper, pattern tables, mannequins for display

Pre Workshop Questions: How often do you shop? What makes you throw an item of clothing away? Where do you dispose of your garment? How do you up-cycle your own garments to date?

Post Workshop Questions: Would you wear the skirt you've made? Would you use this technique again? Do you believe it is important to upcycle?

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