**Objective**: Students will create outfits from recycled and reusable materials in order to build more familiarity with what can be recycled and to have fun.

**Supplies:**

Needed Materials:

Scissors

Masking Tape

Staples and Staplers

Suggested recyclables:

Newspapers and other recyclable papers

Plastic Bags

Cardboard

Anything can work if it’s washed and if you’re creative

Other suggested:

Fabric

String

Foil

**Opener:**

Today’s opener will be a video that talks about the recycling process. What can be recycled, how it is recycled, and who uses it to give it a next life.

There are plenty of videos to pick through online, we used this one, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1l8HXa3HLk>. Change it up if needed.

Questions to ask afterwards: Why is it important to recycle? What can we recycle?

**Activity**

Before starting the fashion designs, show some examples of recycled fashion. This will help students imagine how they can morph “trash” into clothing.

* Students can pick or be split into groups of 3-4.
* Premade bags of material will be arranged ahead of time
* Teams will select a member to go up and select a bag.
* What you find is what you have to use. Each group will also have masking tape, scissors, and staplers.
* One person on each team will be the model, the others will be designers.
* Roughly 20-40 minutes can be given to the construction period. May vary by class.
* Dress the model!
* Once time is up and the fashion show begins, play some upbeat music and strut down the runway.

**Closure and Cleanup:**

Have students sort and recycle the materials they use. Remember, plastic bags can not be recycled at most locations. Throw those in the trash.

What can you do to reduce, reuse, and recycle?