




# Upcycling My Closet



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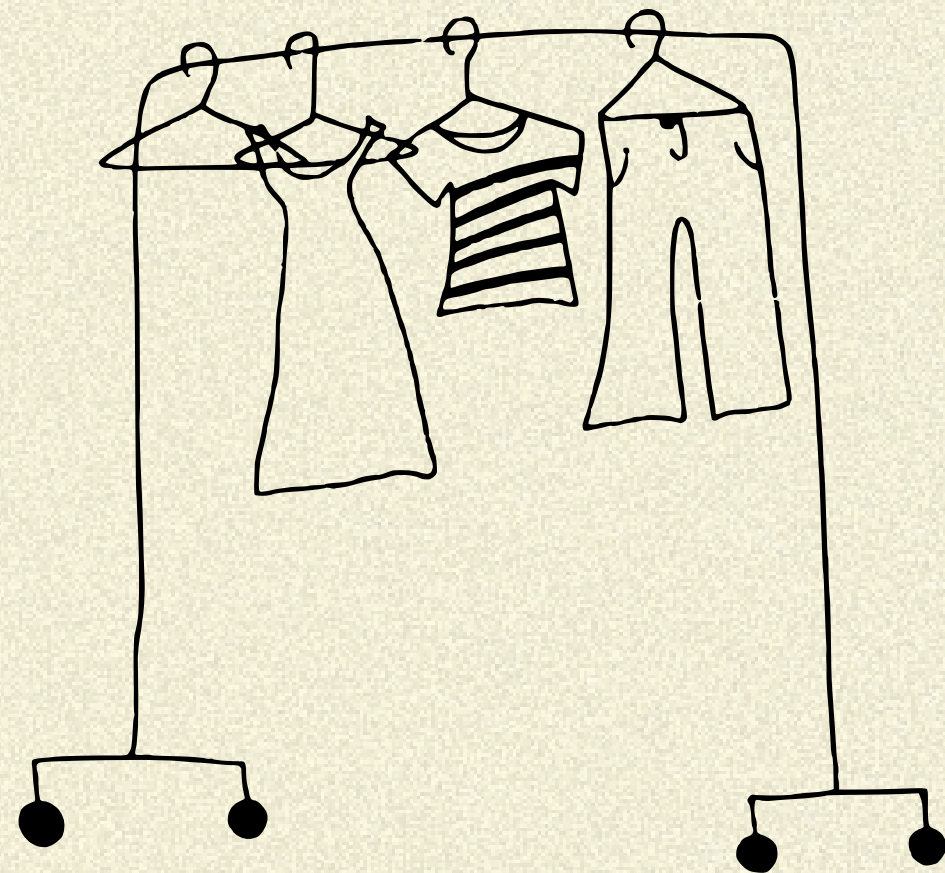
NYC may be considered a fashion capital of the world, but it also has a big fashion waste problem.





“In 2021, Women’s Wear Daily (WWD) reported that the annual textile waste produced in New York City had reached new heights, estimating the 200,000 tons of clothing, shoes and accessories that New Yorkers send to the landfill every year would measure up to the 102 floor of the Empire State Building.” State of the Planet (News from the Columbia Climate School).

How could I make sure the clothes that I don't wear as much any more dont go to waste?



Upcycling!

# What is Upcycling?



“Upcycling is taking something that’s considered waste and repurposing it. The upcycled item often becomes more functional or beautiful than what it previously was.” -  
Upcycle That

I watched these two videos for my project.



By PAOLA (@itspaogon on Youtube)  
Introduced me to basic tools and materials needed. Recommended I start with a smaller project.



By sherry handmade (@sherryhandmade on Youtube)  
I decided to make a scrunchie as my first project, using this video as a guide.



I decided to use fabric from this striped shirt that I used to wear a lot, but it was stretched with a lot of holes in it. I also used elastic from a broken pair of tights.



Here's photos as I sewed and tied the elastic inside the fabric.

# Conclusion



Here is the final product!  
I still have most of the fabric from the shirt and I hope to use it in the future.



Here is another earlier project where I sewed lace on my bag. I hope to continue to implement upcycling in my life.

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