

## Trashion Fashion Rules

### Designer Entry & Models

Designers must pre-register (see registration form on [www.awaac.org](http://www.awaac.org)). Entries may include 1 to 4 people on their Trashion design team. Each entry must provide its own model. The model does not have to be part of the design team. Models do not need any prior experience but should be ready to best represent the fashion on the runway.

### Garment Construction

Garments must be made from at least 75% recyclable or reused material that would otherwise be thrown away or recycled. Examples can include, but are not limited to paper, magazines, plastic containers, plastic bags, cardboard, packaging, steel, tin or aluminum etc. You may acquire items from a garage sale, thrift shop or borrow from a friend or family member, etc. **Scrap4Art, 333 W. Wayne St., Maumee is a great place to find items.**

If you need base fabric to adhere items, please try not to purchase something new if possible. All garments must be clean, safe to wear and touch. No sharp edges, no glass, no liquids or food waste. You may sew, stitch, tape, hot glue, rivet, staple or do whatever it takes to hold pieces together.

### Accessories

Only accessories made by the designers that are made from 75% recycled or reused materials can be worn on the runway but are not required.

Shoes must be worn at the runway show, but do not have to be made by the designer, nor made or recycled or reusable materials.

AWAAC can provide some assistance on hair and makeup if participants are interested.

### Garment Description and Environmental

All garment entries must be accompanied by a Garment Description and Environmental Fact that connects the fashion, material used, and the material's effect on the environment. See examples below. These descriptions will be read by the MC while the model walks the runway.

#### Example of Description

Anna's dress is made from 15-20 plastic Target shopping bags, about a half a yard of bubble wrap, and also some scrap material from a homemade Halloween costume. The plastic bags have been fused together with an iron to make the material. Plastic bags are not biodegradable, they are actually photodegradable, meaning plastic bags break down into small bits that contaminate the soil and waterways.

Approximately 1 billion seabirds and mammals die each year by ingesting plastics.

#### Example of Description

Pamela is wearing a dress designed and made by Robin Hatcher. The dress is made of 25 straws, 50 bottle caps, 35 soda caps, and reused fabric.

More than 500 million disposable plastic straws are used in the United States every day and would fill more than 127 school buses daily, or more than 46,400 school bus loads per year just with straws.

#### Additional Resources

[Keep America Beautiful](#)

[United States Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[Earth 9-1-1](#)