



DIY (STYLING) GENDER EUPHORIA

GEENDER SWAP

A G(end)er Swap workshop
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Research focus:
trans visual culture, fashion subcultures, media

Gender exploration via DIY fashion & craft practice
(writing, performing, making)

Founder of G(end)er Swap: Trans+ style
outreach

Community events: pop ups, swaps,
makeup workshops, prison outreach

Writer: LGBTQ+ resources

Consultancy, events, content creation ++



G(end)er Swap

LGBTQ+ style outreach: pop ups, workshops, digital resources through a sustainable lens.

Building a gender affirming wardrobe starting from an anti-fashion perspective.
Not relying on the mainstream for inspo/resources.



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WORKSHOP PLAN

Exploring gender euphoria

Gender affirming style (masc)

BREAK

Gender affirming style (fem)

DIY ideas

Shopping Tips

Q+A



Workshops. Pop Ups. Digital Resources

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What brings you euphoria?

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STEAL HIS GENDER

Being trans like



This one sparks joy.

gender euphoria



This one does not spark joy.

gender dysphoria

GENDER SWAP

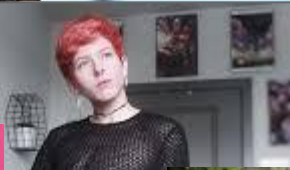
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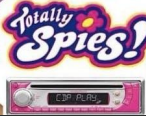


THE 2000s



@ sad spavhetti

BABY GIRL



A close-up photograph of a bright blue leather motorcycle jacket. The jacket is covered in various graffiti tags in white, red, and black ink. Some of the visible tags include "QUEEN TOY", "CRIP CRIP", "CRIP KINSHIP", "LOVE", "BLIND", "DYKES", and "MME". The jacket has a zipper and a collar with metal studs. In the background, there is a black and white patterned fabric with some small objects scattered on it. A white rectangular box with a black border is superimposed over the center of the jacket, containing the text "WHERE TO START?".

WHERE TO START?

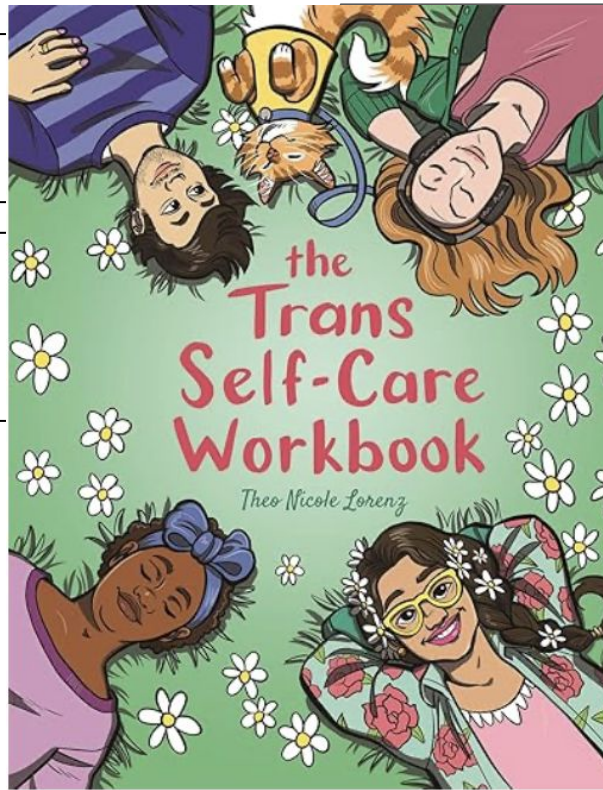
Reflect on what style you want to go for: think of what/who inspires you- write it down!

Go through your wardrobe and get rid of stuff you don't wear. Re-organise: colour code, rearrange categories

Upcycle your old clothes: how can you re-purpose what you have?

Start small: start with one pattern/colour/garment that you like and branch out.

Small changes!



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TRANS MASC STYLE TIPS

SHIRTS/SHAPES

Wide shoulder seems: broad shoulders

Textured/patterned layers are key

Box-y fits/crop tops hide curves



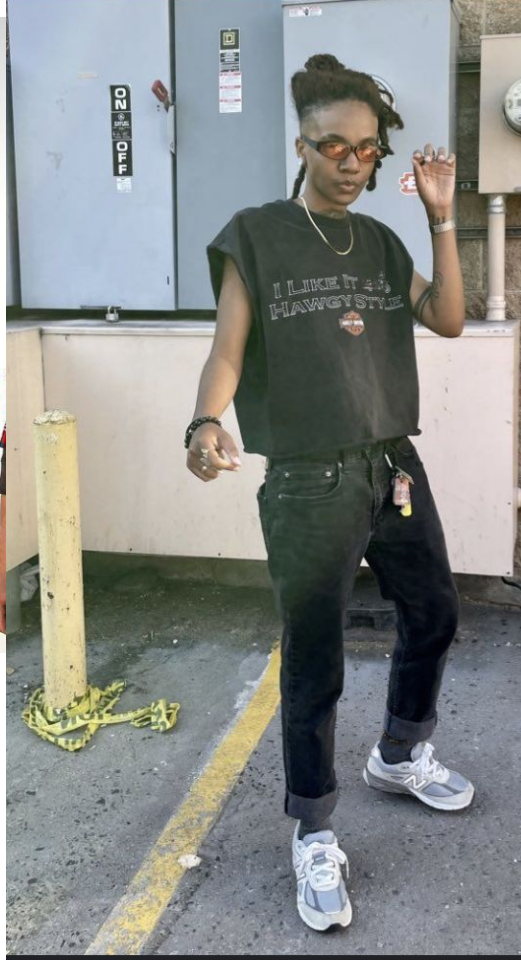
DIY vest tops from fitted shirts for a good fit/hides binders or sports bras.

Thick fabrics with big logos mask bumps.

Layers add bulk.
Patterns obstruct.



ootd: dad at a bbq



Make sure sleeves don't run past your wrist

'PORPORTIONISING'!

Look for rounded crew neck shirts: this style will ensure your binder is hidden

Have your shirts stop right below your belt line

If you want an oversized look: go one size up max



Look for square shapes to create straighter lines

Layers add bulk

FINDING TROUSERS :(

Low set and wide pockets
flatten the backside

Opt for vintage jeans or
oversized “mom” jeans

Look for a long inseam: creates
a baggy look/fits packing gear
and doesn't cling

Khakis, joggers and
stretchy jeans for easier
fits. Dungarees!



@urfavbutch, IG

Cuff jeans to create equal
proportions. Keep shorts
above knee cap


Boot leg is an easy cut

Tailoring!



EASY START

- Printed joggers
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Shorts over leggings combo (sports goth)
- Cargo/camo pants (looser fit)
- Harem pants
- Flares and bell bottoms
- JORTS!



**TEXTURES,
LAYERS,
PATTERNS,
SHAPES!**



TRANS FEM STYLE TIPS

Flowy/lightweight materials add shape/movement

SHIRTS/SHAPES

Wear bandeau bras/sports bras w/inserts for breast forms

Textures create curves: ruffled blouses, glittery/sequins or fringe tops

Crop tops create waist curves

Look for shirts that flare out at the bottom: this creates a waist line/curves



Accessories can help create shape

Sleeve cuts shape shoulders.



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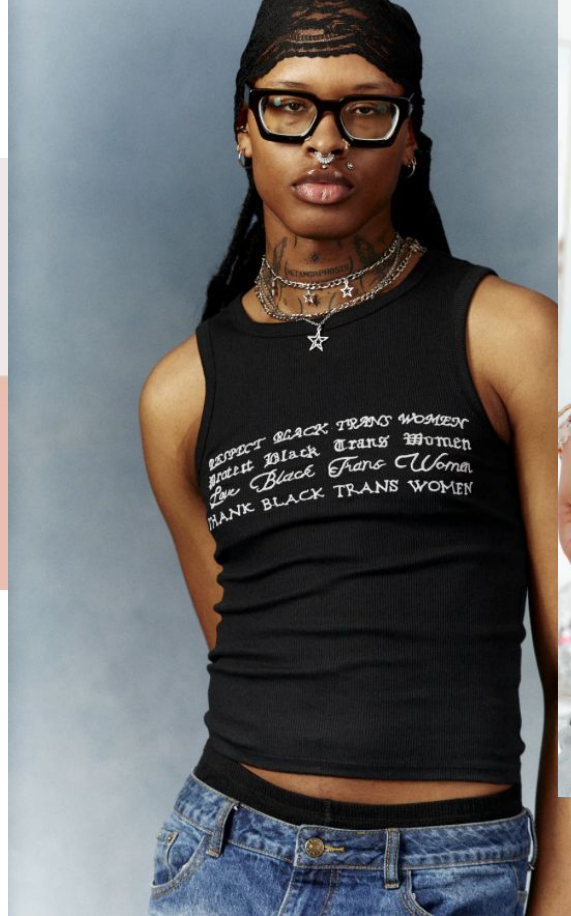
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ACCESSORISE!

Opt for shawls in lighter colours or with a printed design

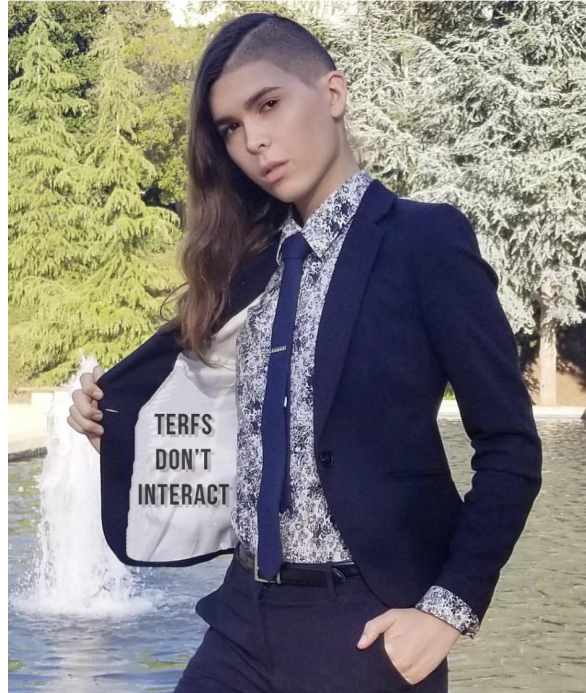
Bright coloured cardigans paired with a belt

Ponchos and cropped sweaters over a colourful shirt is a great combo

Ties and scarves

Denim/knitted gilets

Chains/carabiners



Broaches/badges/suspenders. SHOES!

Small pockets = shape in the butt area

TROUSERS/SKIRTS

Opt for an elasticated waist

Wide legged trousers with a shirt tucked in (to create shape)

One piece rompers fit a lot of shapes



Add length to your trousers with extra fabric

Layer trousers/skirts together

Leggings!





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DIY STYLE

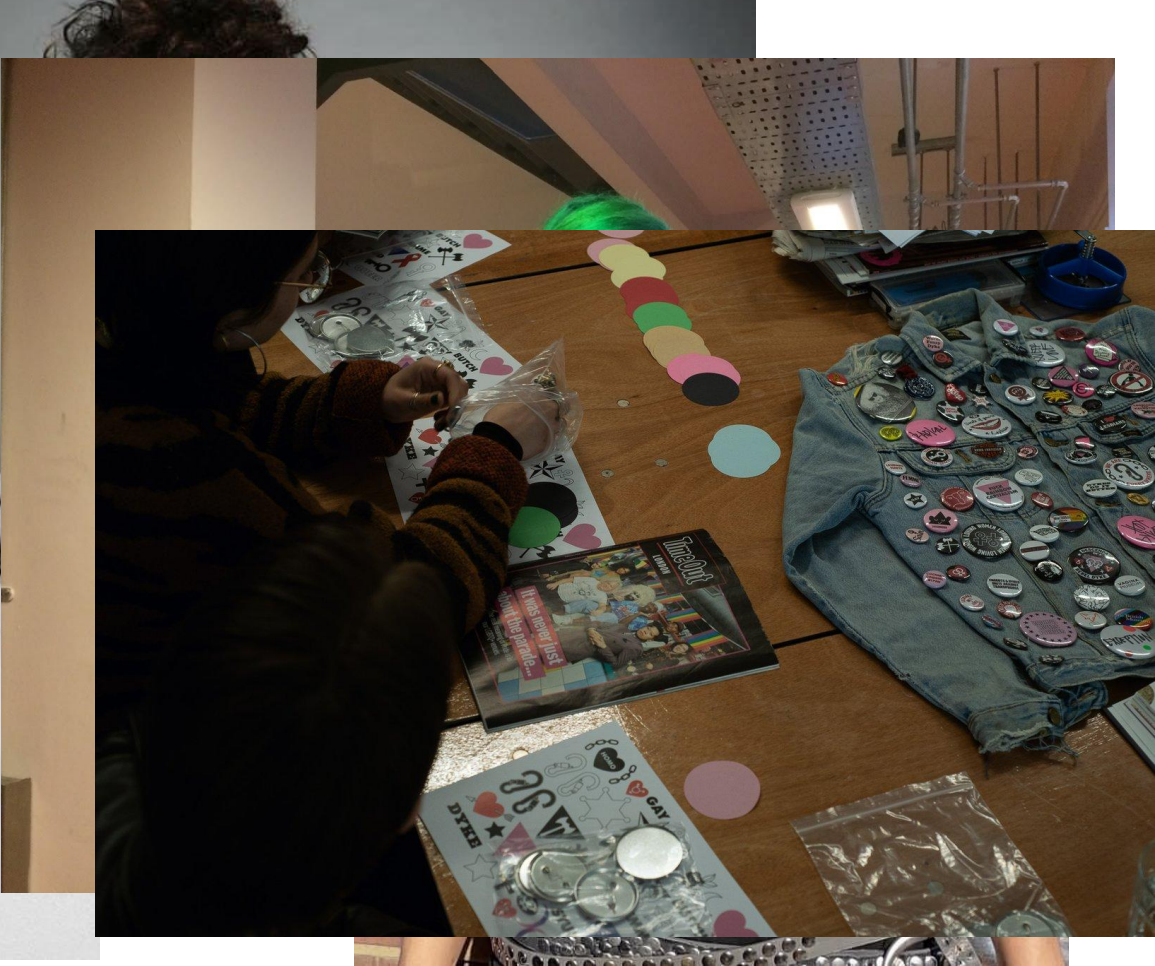


EASY START

- Cost effective
- Tailor/customise according to your needs
- Affirming
- Develops a unique style for yourself
- Used as a form of protest
- Can build community by crafting together
- No buying into fast fashion!

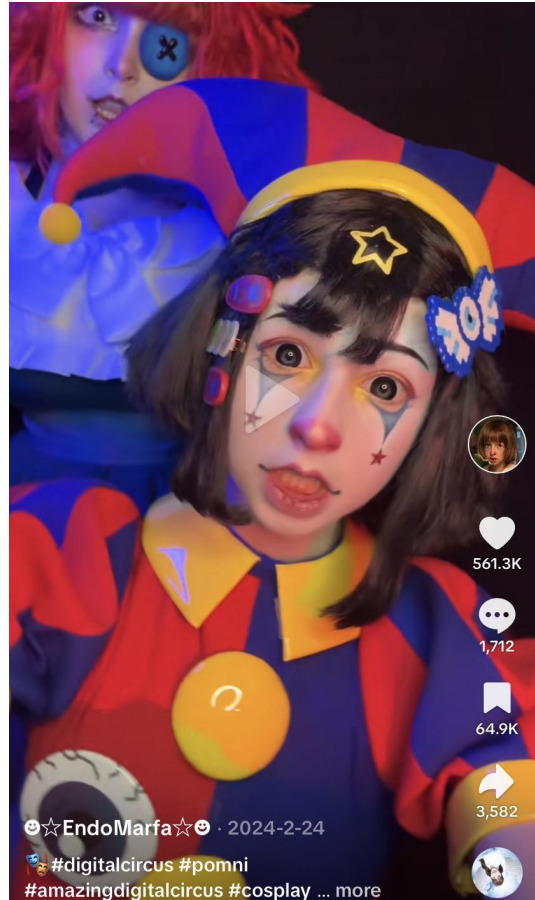
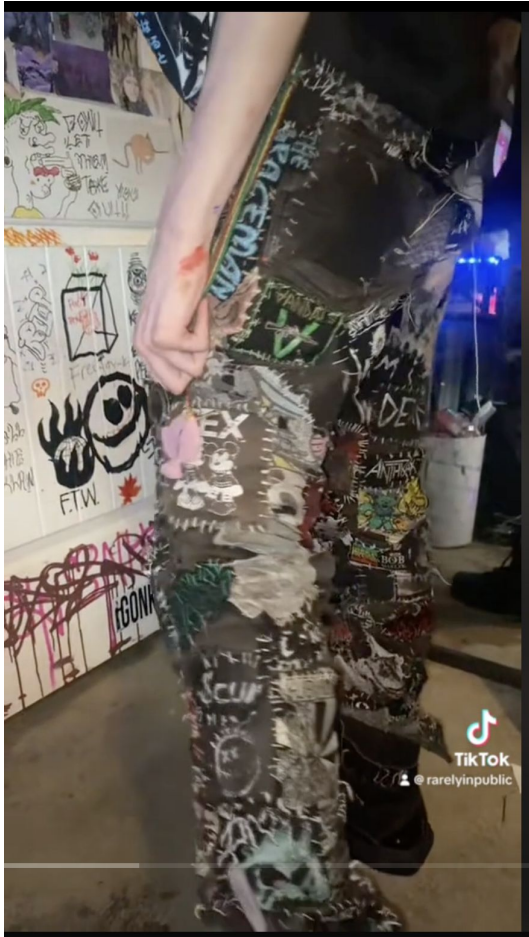


Museum of Transology



**REJECT THE
MAINSTREAM**





BEWARE OF THE PIPELINE

she/her



"im not like
other girls"

she/they



"maybe i have
internalised
misogyny"

they/them



"i have a
fat ass :)"

he/they



"guys do you
like my new
thigh highs?"

he/him



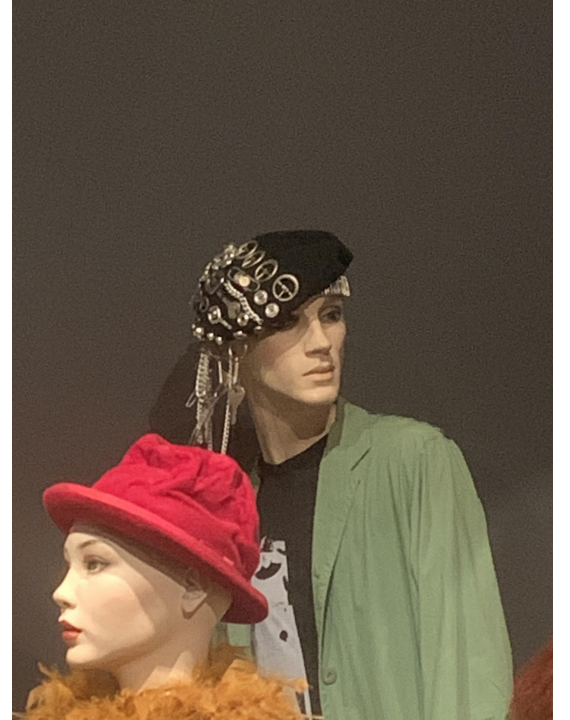
"im a pretty
boy :3"

**ANYTHING CAN BE A DIY
GARMENT**

Fashion & Textiles Museum (London)



Leigh Bowery exhibition



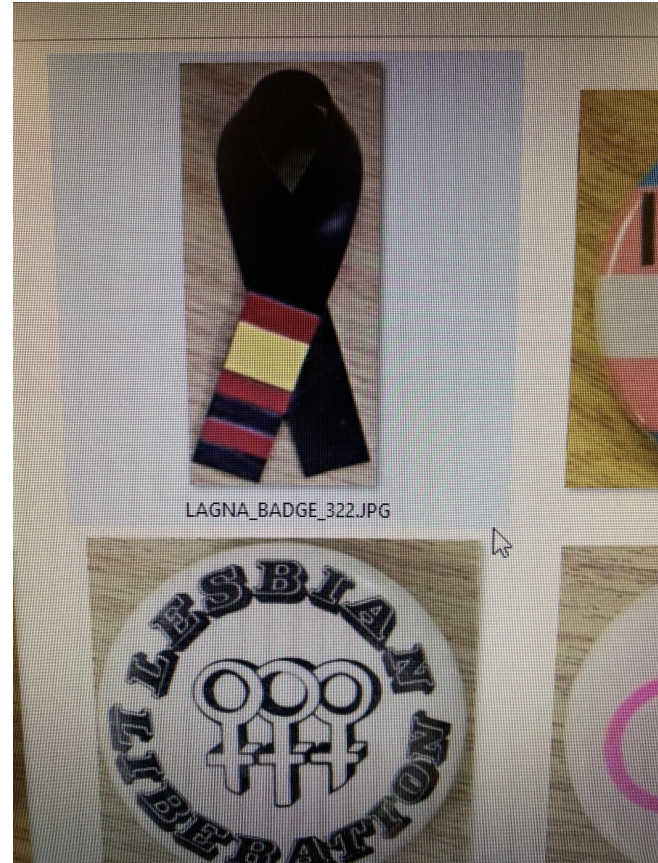
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Design Museum (Gothenburg)





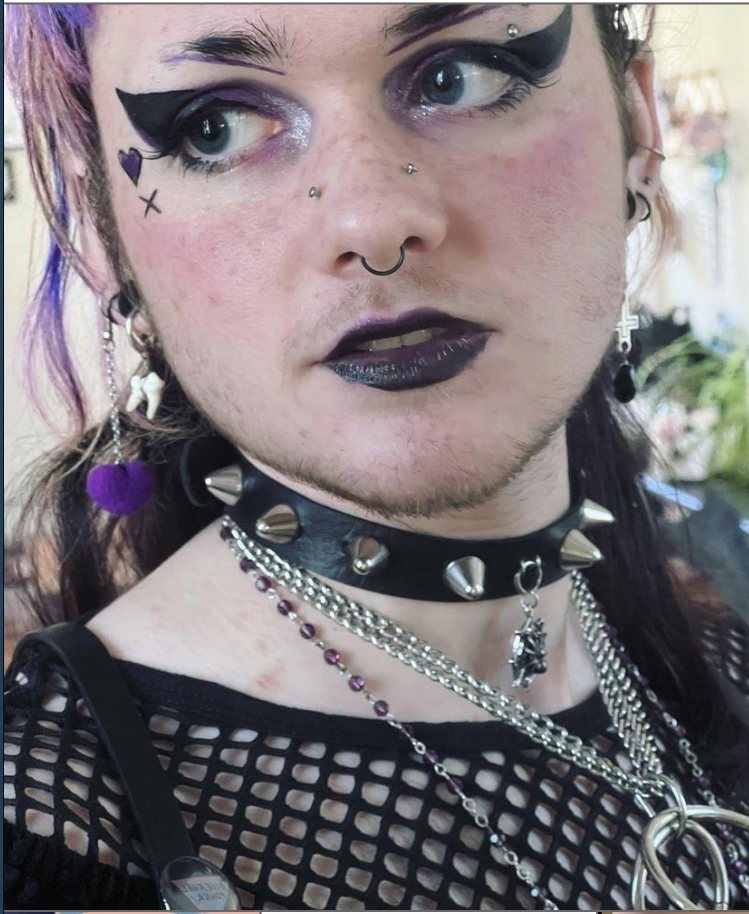
Bishopsgate Institute (London)



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“Fashion can be a way to not just assert our own identity and presence, but reach out to others”.

-Elizabeth Medhurst, Dressing Dykes



“As an artist, I often turn to my craft to fuel and sustain my imagination – to remind myself and the world what is and could be possible. Because my physical body is so often restricted and confined due to constant harassment, art has always been the space where I allow myself to roam freely”.

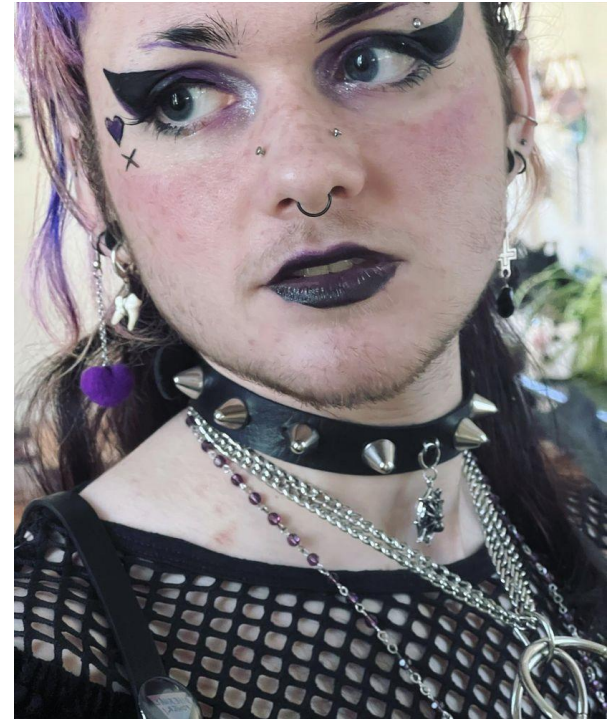
-Alok Vaid Menon, THEM





SHOPPING TIPS (THRIFTING)

- Go to the section you feel drawn to first
- Look at all the sizes
- Always look at the accessories section
- Search for statement pieces
- Find brand new stockings and undergarments

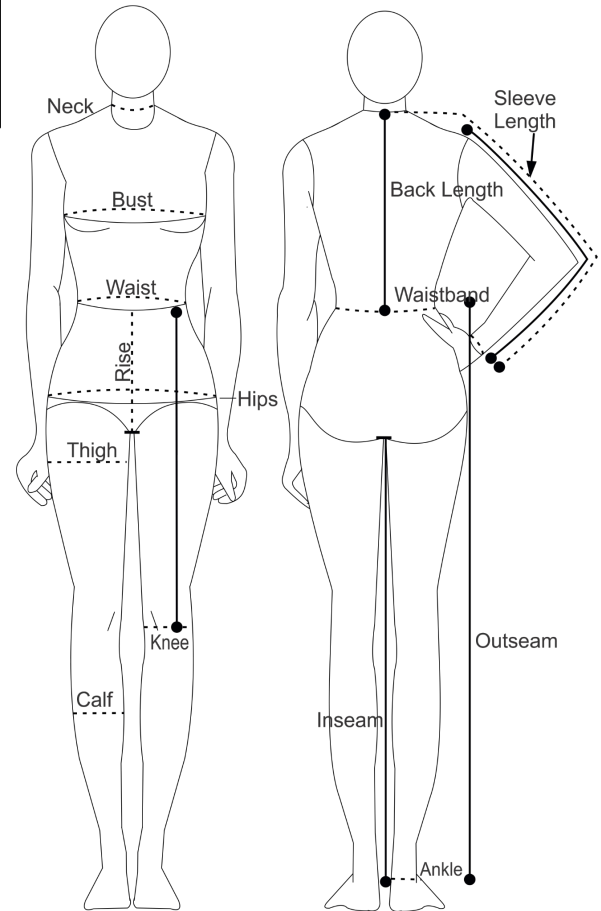


YOUTUBE!



ONLINE SHOPPING

- Know your measurements
- Use the customer support chat if applicable
- Order clothes from your favourite brands and note the details/measurements so you can learn about what you like
- Buy multiple pieces
- Ask lots of questions (Vinted is good for this!)
- Read reviews/browse on Reddit
- Note sizing charts on websites



Size Guide



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UK Size	USA Size	International Size	Bust	Waist	Hips
UK 4	US 0	XS	76.2	58.4	83.8
UK 6	US 2	XS	81.3	63.5	88.9
UK 8	US 4	S	86.4	68.6	94
UK 10	US 6	S/M	91.4	73.7	99.1
UK 12	US 8	M	96.5	78.7	104
UK 14	US 10	L	102	83.8	109
UK 16	US 12	L	107	88.9	114
UK 18	US 14	XL	112	94	119

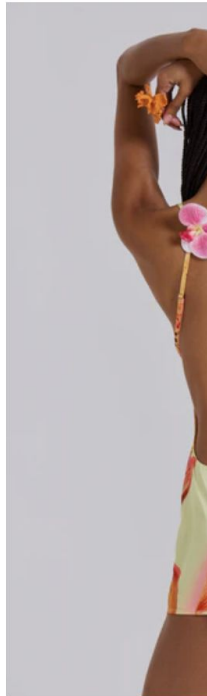
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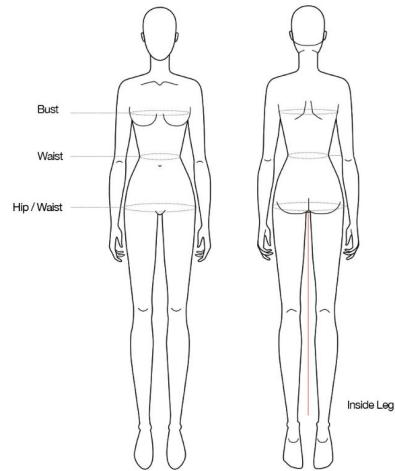
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Advanced measurement



A black display board with a yellow border is filled with various pieces of jewelry. At the top, there are yellow sunglasses, a pearl necklace, and several colorful buttons. Below these, a blue ribbon award with a circular portrait is prominently displayed. To the right, there are several colorful beaded necklaces in shades of pink, blue, and yellow. In the foreground, there are several strands of silver-toned jewelry, including a chain of large links and a necklace of small beads. The background is a light-colored, textured surface.

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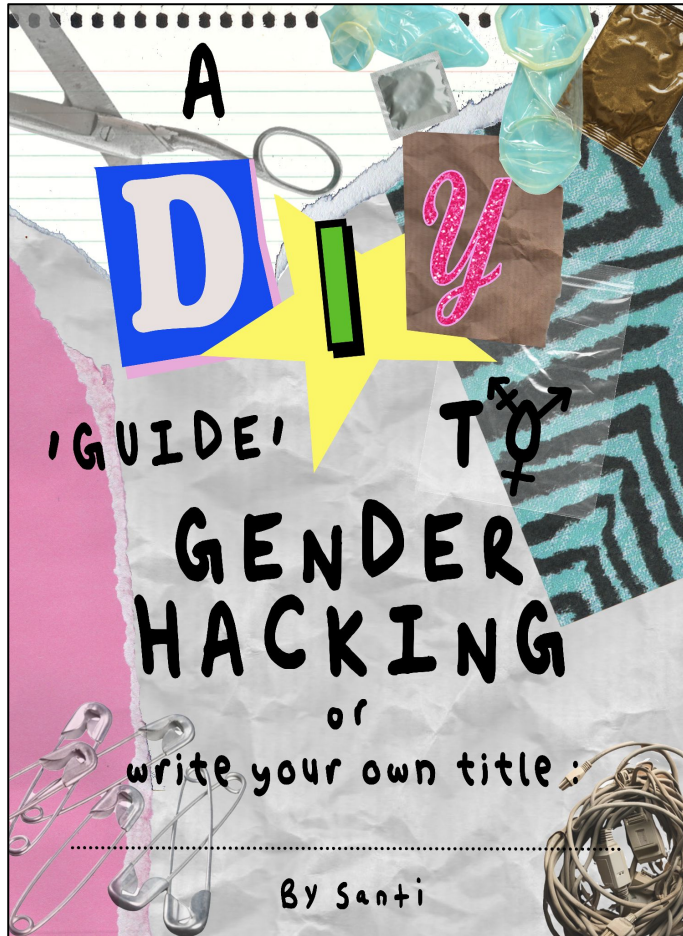
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A DIY GUIDE TO GENDER HACKING

What can alternative modes of gender exploration
(for anyone) look like?

A photograph of a group of people at a clothing store event. In the foreground, a man with curly hair and a beard, wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, stands on the left. To his right, a woman with long dark hair is looking down at a table. Further right, a man with a beard and a blue shirt is looking at a woman with dark hair. On the far right, a woman with long curly hair is looking towards the center. The tables are covered with various clothing items, including a blue jacket, a red t-shirt with 'PROKAT' and 'BYNOR' printed on it, and several black t-shirts. A sign on the table reads 'BY LUCAS-SPOCKING BACKHEIM'. The background shows a clothing store with racks of clothes and large windows.

THANK YOU!