

Refashion: Junky Styling

Junky Styling was formed in 1997 by Annika Sanders and Kerry Seager who made clothes for themselves to wear out to clubs in the early 90s, during their late teens.

Everything Junky Styling produce is recycled from the best quality second hand clothing, deconstructed, re-cut and completely transformed into new products.



Annika Sanders and Kerry Seager from Junky Styling
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All products stocked in the Junky Store are either recycled, fair trade, made from organic materials or ethically produced. They hope to inspire all their customers to look at their discarded clothes and general waste items with fresh eyes and a resourceful frame of mind.

Annika shows how with a few old garments, a needle and thread and an eye for seeing things differently, you can be on the way to making your own unique and stylish garments.

How to make a side way jumper top

You will need:

- 2 jumpers (one should be a polo neck jumper)
- scissors
- sewing machine, overlocker or needle and thread
- unpicker for seams

Step 1

One jumper should be a polo neck jumper which will be turned on its side so that the neck opening becomes an arm hole and the bottom of the jumper will become the second arm hole.



Step 2

Cut one side of the garment to form a new neck opening, from the shoulder seam to about half-way across the body, removing all the sleeve.

You can base the distance from the polo neck to the beginning of the new neck opening on the length of a shoulder on an existing garment



Step 3

Cut the other side of the garment to make the waist opening. This cut must be a straight line, which will mean that the top part of the sleeve is left on the garment.

You can base this measurement on the width of the bottom opening of an existing garment.



Step 4

Try the side way jumper top on for size and adjust your cutting as necessary.

Remember that it is always better to cut off less than you need at first as you can always cut more off if you need to.



Step 5

Take the second garment, which will form the bottom part of the finished side way jumper top and cut a straight line below the sleeves, and discard the top part.

Turning the garment inside out afterwards will make the next stage easier.



Step 6

Take the bottom part of the second garment and place it next to the bottom opening you have cut in the first garment.

Draw a line on the bottom garment straight down from the edge of the top garment.



Step 7

Cut out 1.5 cm outside of this line.

Make sure you leave enough room between the line and the cut edge to sew the fabric



Step 8

Sew along the line you have just drawn.

If you do not have an overlocker, sew a straight line along the line you have drawn and use a zig zag stitch to finish off the edges



Step 9

Turn both parts of the garment the right way round and line them up, with the waist seams matching (as it will look when it is finished).



Step 10

Turn the top garment inside out so that the right sides are facing.

If you put the pins in at right angles to the line you will sew, you can stitch straight over them on a machine without removing them first.



Step 11

Sew the top and bottom garments together along the waist seam.

If you are using an overlocker, make sure that the stretchier fabric is underneath.



Step 12

The discarded part of the bottom garment can be used to trim the neck of the side way jumper top.

Cut two strips which are no larger than the neck opening of the garment. Sew the narrow edges of this strip together to form a loop.

It is best to cut the neck trim slightly smaller than the neck opening as it will stretch.



Step 13

Fold the neck trim strip in half lengthways and pin in place on the neck of the garment.

If you put the pins in at right angles to the line you will sew, you can stitch straight over them on a machine without removing them first.



Step 14

You may need to stretch the neck trim into place whilst pinning and sewing.

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Step 15

Cut off any excess fabric from the neck trimming and press in place.

