

LUCID DREAM

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Purpose: The purpose of this design was to create a garment that is beautiful but also practical. The look is inspired by grunge but also by romanticism and the occult. I wanted to portray a completely simplistic garment in a way that makes it seem so much more profound and adaptable to any style the wearer chooses to portray.

Process: I found my initial inspiration by looking at Dark Beauty Magazine, a gothic fashion magazine. From there I searched on various online databases and put inspirational images into a design Pinterest board. The images combined created a tribal but celestial mood, with an otherworldly etherealness. After I had the mood concrete, I began looking to my favorite clothing websites like Dolls Kill and Nasty Gal to decide what kind of garment I might want to construct. These websites have out of the norm looks and an overall grunge, alternative feel, while still accommodating to many style tribes. All of this considered, I decided to create a romper with a tied back and small ruffle details on the shoulders and bottom hem.

Techniques: To make this design a reality, I used flat patterning and draping to create a pattern. From the pattern I made a sample, which I then fitted to my model. Once the fit was perfected I created the final garment which you see today.

Contribution to fashion or innovation used: My contribution to fashion is the creation of a piece of clothing that can seamlessly adapt to many different styles.

Materials: Lightweight gray cotton fabric, all-purpose thread

