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WHAT: Trashion/Refashion Call for Designs and Models
WHEN: Monday 12/01/2025 thru Sunday 2/16/2026
WHERE: bloomingtontrashion.org

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Ready to transform outdated outfits and waste items into runway-worthy creations? The 2026 Bloomington Trashion/Refashion Runway Show is now accepting design entries, model applications, and volunteer requests for its 17th annual event, set to dazzle at the

Buskirk-Chumley Theater on **Sunday, April 12, 2026**. This is your chance to join a legacy of eco-pioneers who elevate sustainability into high fashion, inspiring our community to reimagine the future of fashion and waste.

How to Participate? All designs must be entered into the EasyChair Submission Site at bloomingtontrashion.org by **Monday, February 16, 2026**. Designs submitted by any other method will not be considered. Important dates, instructions for submitting designs, and FAQs can all be found at bloomingtontrashion.org

Who Can Participate? Whether you're an experienced fashion designer or a newcomer with a stapler, a glue gun, and passion for sustainability, the runway is open to you! The Trashion/Refashion Show invites creators to submit unique designs crafted from at least 90% previously owned materials and transformed from their original state. Embrace the challenge to breathe new life into forgotten items, and save them from the landfill!

- **Trashion Designs** - Imagine couture born from the unexpected: past designs have used packing materials, old videotapes, venetian blinds, bottle caps, and even disassembled furniture to create unforgettable, high-fashion statements.
- **Refashion Designs** - Rework traditional fabrics and garments into contemporary, wearable pieces. Give graduation gowns, bridesmaid dresses, or discarded neckties and scarves a second act on the runway.

Designs may include both Trashion and Refashion elements, and group submissions are encouraged!

Aspiring Models of All Types Wanted

The runway awaits more than just designs. Models of all ages, sizes, and experience levels are invited to help bring the new creations to life. If you're ready to stomp the 2026 runway, please complete the form here: <https://forms.gle/nrh7FEg7ArZpiyfq8>.

Get Involved!

Surrounding and supporting the designers and models are volunteers of all types - planners, hair and makeup artists, and ushers to name a few. If you are interested in experiencing the show behind the show, complete the volunteer opportunities form at <https://forms.gle/EnGY3gH92aoDFbKo8>.

Why Trashion/Refashion? Founded in 2010 by artist Jeanne Leimkuhler, Trashion/Refashion unites the community in a shared vision of creativity and environmental responsibility. With each step on the runway, designers and models alike are helping redefine the role of fashion, inspiring new perspectives on waste and consumption. The show welcomes and celebrates designers and models who represent the full spectrum of diversity in our community.

Designers will be notified of their submission status soon after the February 16, 2026 deadline. Designs accepted for the runway show will be announced to designers no later than March 9, 2026.