

## 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 bat-back jumper/dress

You will need:

- 2 jumpers
- scissors
- sewing machine, overlocker or needle and thread
- dress making dummy (optional)

### Step 1

Take two big jumpers. It doesn't matter if they are made of a different fabric, as long as they are of the same size. Turn them inside out. You will be doing the same thing to each of them.

If you are doing this for the first time, you might want to use some old jumpers, in case you make mistakes.



## Step 2

Take one of the jumpers and slice the seam from the bottom of the side edge, all the way along the sleeve to the armhole. Repeat on the other side of the jumper.

Try to keep the jumper as flat as possible and peel away the seam while you cut it.



## Step 3

Repeat the previous step with the other jumper.



## Step 4

Open out both jumpers and lay them one on top of the other (wrong side up) so the neck holes of both are as centred as possible. The length of the body of the two jumpers must be the same. If one jumper is particularly wide compared to the other, you can cut it down.



## Step 5

Pin the side seams of the jumpers together all around (remember to leave holes at the top, bottom and sides for the head and arms).

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 the pins first.



## Step 6

Sew the two jumpers together on each of the four seams, from the bottom edge to the edge of the sleeve. Leave about one centimetre seam allowance (you might want to increase this if the edges are not exactly the same).

This design needs an overlocker to secure the edges, but if you don't have one you can sew a straight line along the line you have drawn, then use a zig zag stitch to finish off the edges.



## Step 7

Turn the garment the right way and put it on and check how it looks. You might want to slim down the sleeves, ruche the neck (see [UD shrug](#) for an example of how to do this) or slim the skirt section of the garment.



## Step 8

You can wear the garment in different ways. Try using the old neck hole and letting the top part of the garment drape down the back like a cape.

