

Artist Activities

Dress like Delaunay with Justene Williams

Materials you will need:

- Two plastic shopping bags
- Magazine
- Scissors
- Clear sticky tape



These fun plastic dresses are based on Sonia Delaunay's paintings and her costume design for the production of Cleopatra.

Step 1 – Cut bottom of both plastic bags.

Step 2 – Slide the cut ends of the bags together then tape in middle.

Step 3 – Take the end that is sealed and fold in half, then cut a half circle to make the neck.

Step 4 – To make the arm holes cut slight semi circles at opposite ends.

Step 5 – Tear out three magazine pages and, holding all three in your hand, cut semi-circle shapes from big to small.

Step 6 – Place shapes in any pattern you like and secure them with tape.

Step 7 – Cut hem by following around the semi circles.



Sonia Delaunay, *Costume for a slave or dancing girl* 1918–36, wool, rayon, cotton, lamé, metallic braid, paint, metal fasteners, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Gift of Elaine Lustig Cohen in memory of Michael Lloyd 1997

To finish:

Get creative and add items from around the home! Maybe have a fashion parade! What character are you playing in your costume?

For a different style, follow steps 1 and 2, then cut the handles so they can be tied around the back of your neck.

