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Summary: Students from the Basic Studio 3D Design course at the University of Minnesota, Morris have created outfits made of recycled, found and repurposed materials that will be exhibited in a runway show.

(April 13, 2009)-View a slideshow on [Flicker](#). Photos by Alex McGreavey '11, Maple Grove.

Twenty-nine students from the Basic Studio 3D Design course at the University of Minnesota, Morris have created outfits made of recycled, found and repurposed materials that will be exhibited in a runway show.

“I came up with the idea with Jenny Nellis (professor of studio art who also teaches 3D design at Morris), based on the Bravo series Project Runway,” said Jess Larson, associate professor of studio art. Considering “an increasing number of projects that ask art students to use recycled materials, it seemed ‘so UMM.’”

Recycled material was confiscated from the campus's recycling center.

A public show of the creations will be held during Fashion Trashion: Where Style Meets Sustainability at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the Humanities Fine Arts Gallery. Larson, along with studio art faculty and Gallery curator Michael Eble, coordinated the event. Allison Wegner, Winsted, will co-host the show, which promises to be “trash-chic”!

Photo: Daniel Nelson, Dayton, and Pang Vang, Minneapolis, pose with their creations. Nelson's vest is made of pop can tabs and string, Vang's wedding dress is made of clear plastic bags trimmed with bottled water labels.

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