

kHyal Kouture

FASHION AND STYLE

Deconstruction Diva

kHyal.com/kHyalKouture.html Tired of off the rack apparel, and showing up at the local poetry reading horrified to find what you thought was your unique vintage look on someone else's back? Even pieces from the 50's may still have mass produced multiples in circulation. And what about fit? Though the fabrics and styles of the past can be thrilling, our bodies, as a society, are different than they were 50, or even 20, years ago. Solution? Deconstruct. Customize your closet, tailor it to fit your own gorgeous body.

There are many paths to the same door, the door of looking fabulous! Recycle the past, what you find in your closet, or the consignment store, can be transformed into the ultramodern. Look for items with potential, great fabrics, unusual patterns, luxurious trim. Add, subtract and re-tailor. Can't drape or sew? Bring your ideas to the local seamstress, be your own designer.



A kHyal Kouture™ original. Recycled suede fringed jacket with lining removed and turned inside out to expose raw seams and smooth unfinished leather. Collar removed, recut, and redefined with the addition of a vintage rabbit fur collar politely harvested from a 1950's winter coat. (Displayed on 1950's ACME adjustable dress form.)



Buttoned Up

Replace your ordinary modern day buttons with vintage ones for a quick and inexpensive way to update your wardrobe. These can be sourced in a variety of ways. Raid your grandmother's closet. One of the best ways to obtain unique vintage buttons is to remove them from an older garment

that has become outdated or damaged, and can't be rescued or re-purposed. These items are often bargains, as they don't sell well at vintage, thrift or consignment stores for style or condition reasons. It's also the easiest way to obtain a full set of buttons, often in varying sizes of the same pattern.



"Fairfield" brand 1960's synthetic sleeveless top tied at the waist to contour the body, while retaining the impactful retro pattern and colors that make it great.

Redefining the Past

kHyal.com/kHyalKouture.html If you have a fondness for vintage apparel, you'll probably notice that most currently available stock is in the off sizes. In my experience, many finds are far too large. This is the perfect opportunity to re-drape and re-tailor. Not to worry, if this seems like a daunting task, not worth your trouble, or too expensive to have someone else tailor, think again. Even if you are unwilling to take something in, or set a dart or two, try tying a knot in the front or side of an oversized shirt. This simple step of cinching in the waist can result in instant gratification, and show off those vexing spring abs! Not in shape? Try an interesting belt. Full figured? Wear it straight over a tailored skirt or pants. Remember, there is no right or wrong, and the secret ingredients to style are always attitude, confidence and creativity, so rock and rule your fashion universe!



Fantastic Finds: Vintage tin flowers (tag sale, \$2) in clear glass vintage bowl with metallic silver polka dots (consignment store, \$3) on 1950's Formica table with painted metal sides and chrome legs (thrift store, \$45).

H O M E S T Y L E

Delicacies for Your Digs

www.ebay.com It's tag sale season people! Your favorite funky vintage, and not so vintage, finds can now be acquired in your neighbor's yard, often at a fraction of the cost of the local vintage, consignment or thrift store.

No time, or tolerance, for tag saling? Shop anytime on ebay. Set up alerts for your most coveted material desires, you'll receive emails each time a new item is posted. Pricing varies widely, so do your research, and remember, shipping large items can be expensive.



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