



The Halloween Costume Manifesto

Humanity has adopted fast fashion into its Halloween Celebration. Purchasing billions of pounds of textiles per year for animal and human costume. Halloween straddles the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death. Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It may have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear handmade costumes from what they had on hand to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs, we know it as All Saints' Day. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Today, Halloween is a secular, consumer and capitalistic event where American's spend 67 billion dollars on disposable clothing, which ends up in the bottoms of their closets, in the landfills and shipped to developing countries.

Frau Fiber wants to abolish: 1. The production and consumption of fast fashion Halloween costumes. 2. All of the chemicals used to make disposable Halloween costume flame retardant. 3. All millions of yards of polyester used to make disposable Halloween costumes. 4. All of the pounds of plastic used to make accessories for disposable Halloween costumes. 5. All of the under paid labor used to make disposable Halloween costumes. 6. All of the characters which promote gender norms and stereotypes worn at Halloween.

Frau Fiber wants to liberate Americans from every aspect of Halloween consumption, and reclaim it as a community event, shared with neighbors and friends wearing handmade costumes, and eating handmade goodies. Halloween attire will therefore be: 1. Made from old clothing found in your closet, thrift stores or swap. 2. Over dyed with onion skins, beets, avocados, and other naturally sourced materials. 3. Hand stitched, with yarn, thread or dental floss. 4. Create self-proclaimed characters which have never been seen before. 5. Express personal humor, satire, and fear. **INSTITUTE for LABOR GENEROSITY WORKERS and UNIFORMS.** 6. Made with friends and family members, taking the time to exchange their leisure time for personal and community production.

In the spirit of practicing the manifesto, Sewing Rebellions host events, encouraging the upcycling and making of Halloween hoodies. Using old unwanted hoodies and fabric scraps to make wearables in celebration of the Halloween Season.

