

Biographical Information on Nancy Judd



Nancy Judd creates couture fashion sculptures from trash through her business [Recycle Runway](#). Imagine a [faux fur coat](#) made with endless loops of cassette tape; a glamorous floor-length [evening gown](#) glittering with thousands of pieces of crushed glass, or a flamenco inspired dress made of [origami junk mail](#) fans sewn together like fish scales.

Ms. Judd's elegant eco-fashions are exhibited in international high-traffic venues such as museums, airports and shopping centers-- unexpectedly grabbing people's attention and inspiring them to view trash with new eyes. [ReDress: Upcycled Style](#) is the name of an exhibition of 18 of her sculptures that is touring museums around the United States and one of her pieces, [the Obamanos Coat](#), is part of the Smithsonian's permanent collection. In 2011-2012 Nancy had a 14 month solo exhibition of 21 garments in the [Atlanta International Airport](#) and she has been invited back to the Airport to install a second exhibition of all new work in 2017.

Many of Ms. Judd's works are sponsored by organizations including Delta Air Lines, Toyota, Target and Coca-Cola. Some of her eco-fashions are created in public workshops, such as [Eco Flamenco](#) which was completed during a 19 day event in Grand Rapids, MI with the participation of 5,000 people.

Environmental Education is at the heart of Ms. Judd's work-- her goal is to inspire people in a positive, fun and creative context to live lighter on the earth. She has given hundreds of workshops and speeches around the country to both youth and adults including a [TEDx](#) talk in Albuquerque, NM in 2011, and [TEDxAcequiaMadre](#) in Santa Fe, NM in 2012.

Ms. Judd has been working in the field of recycling and waste management since 1990. In 1995 she moved to Santa Fe, NM to become the Recycling Coordinator for the City of Santa Fe. In 2000, she started a recycling consulting business and served as Executive Director for the New Mexico Recycling Coalition. Ms. Judd's recycling career and studio art experience came together when she created her first recycled fashion to promote a public education event she co-founded in 1998 in Santa Fe. The Recycle Santa Fe Art Market and Trash Fashion Contest is still one of City's popular art events.

Ms. Judd grew up in Portland, Oregon and received her BA from Pitzer College (Claremont, California) in Art and Sociology. She spent time at the Laguna Beach Art Institute and in the University of Georgia's art program in Cortona, Italy. A self-taught seamstress, Ms. Judd has been sewing, designing clothing and jewelry, and making art for as long as she can remember!