

a future in FASHION

Student finds passion for clothing design and making jewelry



design all her own. In the creative valley of her mind, **Lilly Jones**, 12, found her individualistic style by foraging through piles of thrifted clothes and wandering down the aisles of the jewelry section at the local craft store.

"It was over quarantine [when I got into fashion]," Jones said. "I didn't have anything to do so I was like 'why don't I start having good style because my style right now is so bad.'"

Along with her evolving style, Jones discovered a knack for design—especially through accessories. Jones has curated and crafted her own jewelry line in the past year. She is continuing to brand through Instagram along with finding new outlets to expand her fashion palate.

"I've been brainstorming a bunch of ideas with [my jewelry line]," Jones said. "I also have started sewing recently so I am trying to start making my own clothes because then I could thrift and upcycle clothes. I've done it with a few pairs of pants but they kind of turned out badly, but I'm trying to get better at it."

What began as a curious hobby for Jones during lock down transformed into a passion- shaping her future goals and daily manifestations.

"I want to go into design in college, so I feel like having

outfits is a good way of incorporating [design] into my daily life," Jones said. "It's one thing that I'm very passionate about because there's so many different ways you could go about design and so many different careers that I would be interested in."

Not only does thrifting align with Jones's long term goals, but it drives a moral responsibility—to protect an environment threatened by the fashion industry's carbon emissions.



Jones

"Thrifting is a lot of stuff that we would buy in stores with just a little difference. It's also way cheaper, so why wouldn't you if you can find good stuff, you just have to dig for it," Jones said. "We are wasting all this time and money and product to make more stuff when you could just thrift things and help the environment out."

The beauty of fashion lies in the unique value it holds. For Jones, thrift stores hold collectable items and one of a kind pieces that sustain a mark of her originality.

"I think it's cool how I can go thrifting with my friends and we'll all have a very different eye for it," Jones said. "We'll all get different things and all still have very good outfits, but very different."

**Profile by Allie Frizzell
Designer Katie Brown**



GET STYLED

Jordan Demario, 10, displays a before and after of how adding accessories makes the outfit

HEADBAND: "Even though it is such a simple piece, it pairs so well with everything I have. When I don't know what to do with my hair, I put on my headband and I think it totally completes the look."



MINI PURSE: "This purse is one of my favorites especially because of the color and the material. The white and gold zipper is perfect to style with almost any outfit. It is the perfect size for my phone, wallet, and any other little thing."



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SUNGLASSES: "These sunglasses I got gifted from my mom and they have not left my side since. These glasses are full black and the shape compliments my face."



SHORT SLEEVE BUTTON UP: "My sister thrifted this for me. I love all of the different browns and patterns in the shirt and it can turn such a simple outfit into something that is super stylish."



WATCHING WANDO

Inspired by the Instagram @watchingnewyork, students strut their style



THROWIN' SHADE: (above) Strutting across school grounds, **Ario Rodas**, 12, shares outfit details. "I love Halloween and I went to Spirit Halloween and sewed these tights onto the shirt to make sleeves, then I thrifted these Wrangler khaki pants from the Goodwill bins. My necklace is a pearl necklace with a locket that I made myself," Rodas said; photo by s. cote



CAUGHT OFF GUARD: (above) Descending down the stairs, **Hailey Holmes**, 11, defines her latest outfit. "I got these pants at Mellow Mood, same with top. My shoes are just checkered Vans, the necklace I had a friend make me," Holmes said; photo by s. cote



PRETTY IN PLEATHER: (above) Creative enthusiast, **Abi O'Donnell**, 12, heads to art class in her own unique style. "Inspiration from watching people I admire like celebrities and @watchingnewyork, I've been following them for awhile. The reason I get all of my clothes from thrift stores and local small businesses is to avoid feeding into the fast fashion cycle," O'Donnell said; photo by s. cote



ROOTS IN FASHION: (above) Former local of New York City, **Jason Gary**, 11, gets his fashion-inspo from many outside influences. "The hip-hop culture and my favorite rappers inspire my style. A lot of my style is from my idols like ASAP Rocky and Pretty Boy Fredo. New York City has a huge influence on my style because that is where I was born and raised. I absolutely loved that I was randomly captured showing my style. My style is defined through creativity, thoughtful, non-basic, exotic, and most definitely, outstanding, and confident," Gary said; photo by s. cote

pile of PURSES

Alissa Waters, 11, sports an eclectic purse collection



"I have collected these bags over the past few years and each one has a memory attached to them with their own style."

