



Mind Map

Recycling Coffee Pods 'TRASHION'

Collect coffee pods from myself, family, friends and work colleagues, compost the coffee grounds for my own garden and use the capsules to create my wearable art piece

Traditional silhouette and textures of historical Western gowns with modern flair- relatable primarily to an Australian audience, but also globally recognised

Create a Queen's gown and crown using mostly aluminium coffee pods

Symbol that resembles leadership, nobility, qualities shown by leaders of sustainable consumption
QUEEN

Coffee pod art to create different textures

Cutting, folding, wrapping, manipulating the aluminium pods to create new shapes and embellishments for the gown and crown

Arrangement of the coffee pods to create a decorative, recyclable gown that is visually stunning and also celebrate recycling everyday 'trash'

Raise awareness about the waste we create from our everyday lives

Original, innovative and inspiring

We can enjoy the coffee, we can enjoy the artwork, the materials can be recycled, and then we can enjoy the next item that is created

The piece will be a celebration, and an example of how we can create beautiful artwork from recycled objects, and then the artwork itself can be recycled, thus continuing a closed loop model of consumption

The wearable art piece itself will also be recyclable
Often 'trashion' uses 'trash' but then the created item itself cannot be recycled

I want to create my wearable art piece as a celebration of a sustainable, circular system to inspire others to recycle their own capsules and also rethink what products they consume

This recycling program should be celebrated and used as an example for other companies to inspire them to also use recyclable materials to create their products

Nespresso recycling program recycles both the aluminium and the coffee grounds in the capsules, through their customers collecting the pods they use

Coffee capsule pods are a commonly used item in everyday life for Australians

Common Waste, made from 100% aluminium, full of coffee grounds, both of which can be recycled

The two components are separated

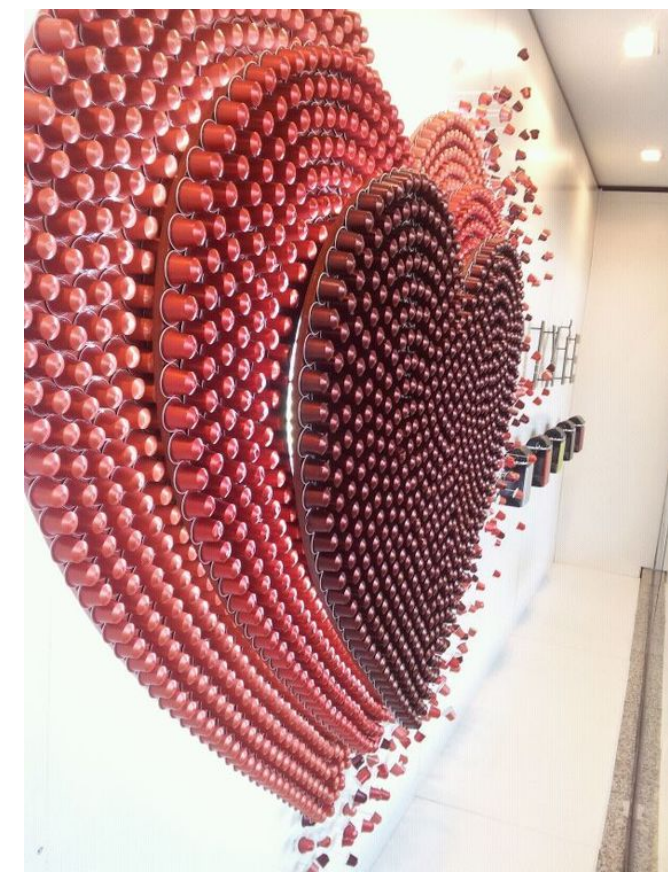
Aluminium is put through, "smelting and refining," (Nespresso, 2023), ready to be turned into other items such as car parts or kitchen utensils

Approx. 75% of aluminium ever produced is still in use today - Nespresso, 2023

Coffee grounds are sent to composting facilities to be used in compost fertiliser



Examples of material manipulations with coffee pods



arrangement with colour to create shape/depth



cutting and twisting

linking flattened pods, connecting like chain mail



cutting and folding into form of butterfly



cut and arranged into rose

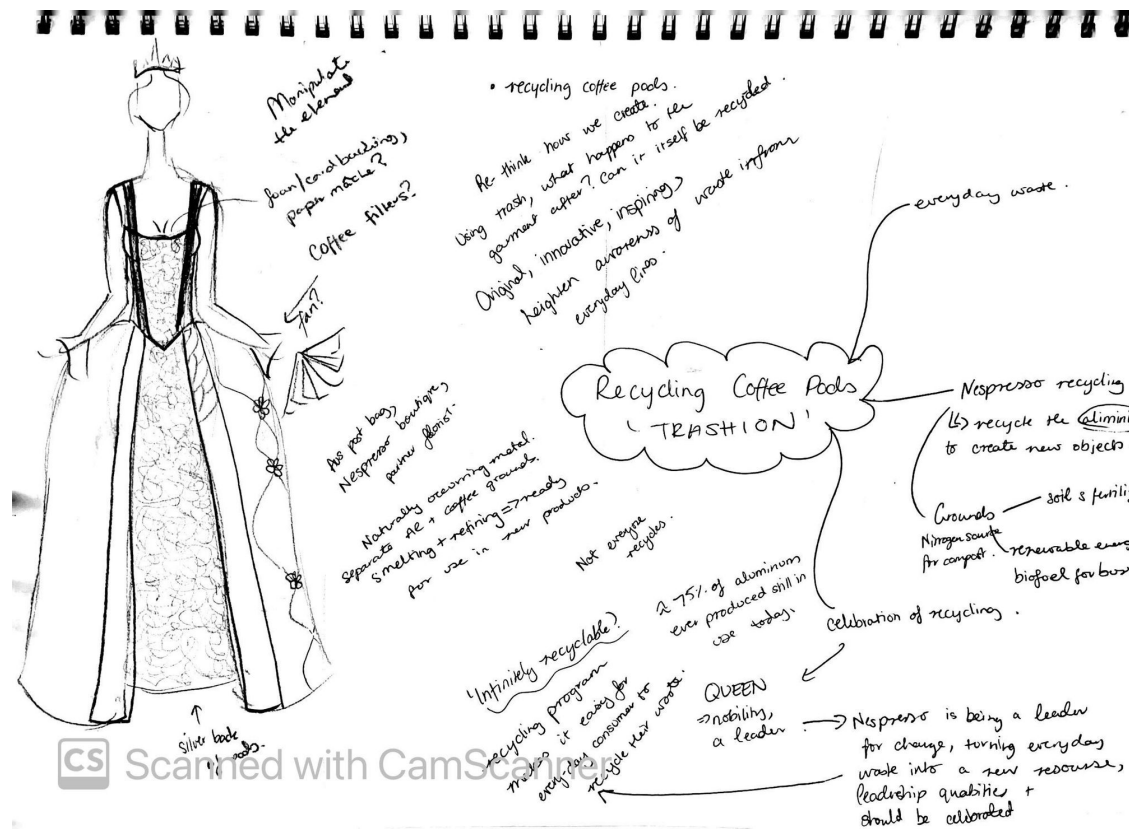
cutting into shape to expand form into flower, cutting and arranging into florals

Coffee Queen

Australian Wearable Art, Statement of Intent

Coffee Queen is a celebration of recycling processes and programs that have been implemented by leading brands, encouraging consumers to re-think their purchasing habits and the life of products after their intended use. With the use of mostly coffee pod capsules, the gown and crown will be created through manipulating the capsules' form into new textures and shapes in a decorative way. I have started collecting coffee pods from my own use, as well as from work, family and friends. I intend to use the leftover coffee grounds in compost for my own garden, and then use the aluminium shells to create my piece. Coffee Queen will be a work of wearable art, made from everyday trash, and will also have the ability to be recycled after the competition, as necessary.

Traditional Silhouette



Planning & Sketches

