



Here's some I whipped up earlier designer Masahiro Nakagawa displays his material magic Picture: MILAN SCEPANOVIC

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Designer turns drab 'n' dated to wow 'n' fabulous

Masahiro Nakagawa has taken the equivalent of a cheap, mass-produced red dress and turned it into a masterpiece.

The artist makes cheap and simple clothes alluring and expensive. He pulls apart

clothes and puts them back together - with attitude.

This weekend, he'll transform the jeans and tank tops of 50 visitors into wearable art for the Tokyo Recycle Project at the Powerhouse Museum.

Nakagawa said fashion was about individuality.

"Fashion is about people wearing the clothes, not just on the hanger," he said.

"I always ask them their memory associated with the

clothes and create new designs with those in mind."

Tokyo Recycle shows at the Powerhouse Museum until October 9, 11am-4pm daily.

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