MAKE AN EASY FELT & pinecone fox
by Lia Griffith

Simple and fun to make, our pinecone crafts are perfect projects for little fingers. Our felt fox pinecone is just as adorable as those little cheeky owls. All you need to do is to print out the pattern on your computer. Use the templates (download from www.portlandfamily.com/feltfoxpinecone) to cut out your felt and assemble the fox, by following our tutorial. Feel free to mix up the colors to make an entire range of the cute little guys!

GATHER YOUR MATERIALS.

CUT PIECES ACCORDING TO PATTERN.

GLUE WIRE BETWEEN TWO TAIL PIECES. GLUE FACIAL FEATURES TO HEAD AND TAIL END.

GLUE TO PINECONE AS SHOWN.

ENJOY!

by Ashley Roda

How to Look Pulled Together In Portland

FROM THOSE WHO CONSIDER SOCKS AN ACCESSORY to sandals, to those who participate in fashion week at the Portland Art Museum, Portland has a unique sense of style. In between these two groups is a population who consciously desire a “pulled together” image and identity. This article is for you. A cohesive look comes from conscious thought and simple execution. With that in mind, here are four insights for you to consider.

1. What impression do you want to make on others? This concept is often overlooked and surprisingly so. Think about when you’re shopping or even getting dressed in the morning. When you pick up a garment, what is it saying? “I’m worn out”? “I’m professional”? “I’m casual”? Whatever that item says will become the message of your billboard body. So pick wisely, and think how the clothing you wear is creating the subconscious message and impression you have on others and the environments around you.

2. There are five basic elements to any outfit: top, bottom, shoe, a layer and an accessory. By a layer I mean a jacket over a top, a layering top (such as a tank or tunic) or a top tucked into a bottom (pencil skirt or pant). With accessories, I am not just talking about jewelry. Accessories can also be your coat, bag, scarf, glasses or hat. Ladies: yes, a dress counts for two of these (top and bottom). Men, match your belt and shoes. Easy?

3. You might have the five basic elements but still not feel like a perfect 10. In India, Solah Shringar are the sixteen adornments essential to brides when getting married, thought to enhance their natural beauty. From henna in the bride’s hair down to toe rings, this is a beautiful sight, but a lot of work for us here in America. Thus, I recommend the perfect 10-point system. Begin by counting yourself from head to toe, each item earning a point. Your hair is done (that’s one point). Your face is either groomed, makeup is on or you have a great moisturizer and skin routine (that’s one point). Your top, bottom, shoes and accessories are all considered until you get to 10. For those who like a more minimalistic style, stick with seven-point outfits. For those who have more than 10 points, do not leave the house until you take something off.

4. Be authentic to yourself! Do not fall prey to the current trends, brand names or fashion fads. Staying current is important, but doing so in a way that still reflects who you are, your personality and the impression you’re wanting to make is more important. Remember, if you’re wearing a brand, you’re also wearing their reputation, personality and values.

I hope this inspires and empowers you to dress consciously, to think about what impression you want to make and to enjoy having easy and fun ways to do so.

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