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DEER DRESSING BY DANIEL THOMPSON

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Practicality is overrated. We live our lives in a stream of efficiency and usefulness.

When we dare to stand and say that we want to exist in a state of impracticality, we are assaulted with sports, entertainment media, and pets. Original, spontaneous impracticality is hard to come by in this day and age, and that is why I am here to tell you about how to dress a deer. I must insist that you leave your pre-existing notions of deer dressing behind you, and if you are a hunter, I recommend you leave, now. Deer dressing is not for the faint of heart or the serious of mind, but its rewards, both emotionally and visually, are truly worthy of the effort it requires.

A few items are needed for the art of deer dressing, the most prominent among which are the clothes themselves. Deer dress exclusively in designer outfits, so you will need to contact specific individuals within the fashion industry to acquire this necessity. Do not be concerned about this task; there's more people who can assist you in this area than you would assume. Along with the clothes, you will need a large, comfortable room for the dressing to take place in, unless you choose to field dress your does and bucks. This latter option is not recommended, however, as it is difficult to convince a deer to wear pants within sight of its peers. This revelation brings us to our next potential necessity: an-

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esthesia. Deer are naturally self-conscious critters, and drugs have the glorious tendency of removing inhibition (and consciousness). Warning is due here; failing to relieve these beautiful creatures of their inhibitions may result in physical harm to your person by way of biting, trampling, and/or gouging with antlers. That said, you now have all the items you will need to start this fun and rewarding activity!

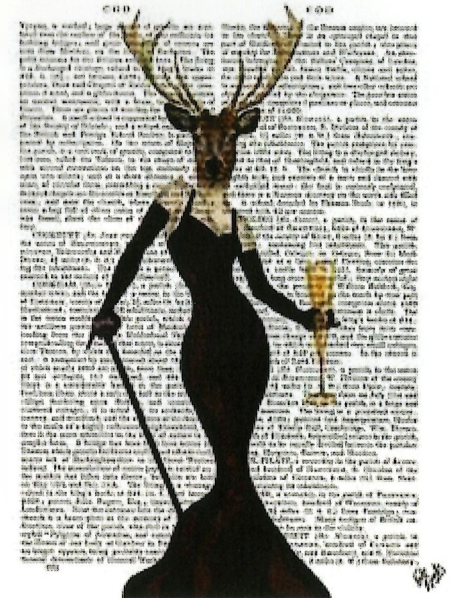
The first step in the process is procuring measurements. Invite the wilderness creature into your dressing area. The deer may experience some initial anxiety, which you will want to curb by emulating the sights and sounds of the great outdoors. While potted plants and wilderness aura CDs are your best option, you may wish to pursue a low cost alternative by dressing like a tree and making loud bird noises with your mouth. Establish mutual trust with the deer, using the Slowly-Walk-Up-And-Place-Hand-On-Creature's-Nose technique seen in 98% of all horse movies. If this technique fails you for some unforeseeable reason, stick that dream-killer in the butt with anesthetic. Now, take the deer's measurements and record them carefully for your designer contact. As these animals are politically incorrect creatures, make note of the deer's gender and plan to dress it accordingly. When the deer has awoken from his drug-induced coma, you may secure his (or her) complete contact information and release it back into the wild. With the measurements firmly in your logs, you may now proceed to the next step.



Ordering deer clothing is perhaps the most creative aspect of this admittedly ridiculous process. The options

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available are practically limitless, from ironic camo outfits, to Bill Cosby sweaters, to Tutus, to movie costumes (of which the Darth Vader option is most highly recommended). You will want to make your outfit choice on the perceived personality of whichever deer you will be dressing, assuming you were able to determine personality before drugging it. Enjoy the process. Safe clothing choices include tuxedos for the bucks and nice evening gowns for the does, but you will not be judged any way you choose. If you wish to dress your deer in 18th century court apparel and parachute pants, then you are free to do so. Science has noted that the only attire you will NOT wish to dress your deer in is the "Highland Yodeler Overalls and Hat" option sold by unaccredited designers across the market. A majority of deer released back into the wild wearing this costume have been indefinitely ostracized by their respective herds, and forced into a delinquent lifestyle. Do not doom your deer to a delinquent lifestyle. When making your order, keep in mind that it will take time for the designers to personify the outfits according to measurements, and there will be a waiting period of up to 3 weeks. Once the clothing arrives, this phase is concluded, and you may proceed with the actual dressing of the deer.



To begin this process, repeat the previously mentioned procedure of introducing the deer into your dressing room.

Once trust (or anesthetic) is re-established, you may begin the dressing. Begin in a logical manner with the undergarments and do your best not to think about the implications of a wild animal wearing them. Whisper vague Chinese proverbs in

the animal's ears as you do so to keep the animal calm (assuming it isn't fully anesthetized at this stage). Next, apply the pants. Even without consciousness, the deer will have a reaction to this development. Watch for kicking and flailing. When applying any over-the-head shirts, antlers can present a particular problem, best solved by patience and by sticking corks on all the pointy ends.

Once the pants and upper-body clothing are on, accessorize. Deer love bows and ties, but not clogs (we do not know why). When the dressing is done, bring in the mirrors. Allow the deer time to observe itself and take in its new-found fabulousness. You may want to leave the room in the event of a negative reaction. After the deer has had appropriate time to grow comfortable with its new look, your work is done! Release the deer back into the wild, and watch it prance about in its knickers. Revel in the satisfaction of knowing that you have wasted hours of your life in one of the most bizarre ways conceivable.

Deer dressing is a fine art. It's not meant to be understood; just enjoyed. Leave behind your misgivings and common sense, and embrace this truly fulfilling past-time. When you watch your first deer enter back into deer society, it's a feeling that cannot be fully described. You will think to yourself, "What have I done?" and then, "LOL," followed by, "Wait, how will they use the resto-" and immediately interrupted by, "Never mind, let's do it again." Anyone with free time and a strong sense of humor can enjoy this process. I have but one final warning for you to keep in mind: don't tell PETA. They've been trying to peg me for years. You now have all the knowledge necessary to carry out this good work. I wish you the best, and hope that you can find as much depraved pleasure in dressing deer as I have.

