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Wonderland - The Disappearing Dress

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It is clear that if we are to tackle the problems of the public's engagement with environmental issues where they can play an immediate part, then guilt and the future threat of environmental disasters is not enough. This project aims through the innovative marriage of art, science, fashion, technology and education to engage public consciousness through more positive currency, through humor, imagination and wonder, both on behalf of the next generation of consumers as well as existing ones. The Disappearing Dress is part of this wider project.

The garment is constructed of a water soluble polymer. When dissolved the fabric turns into a tiny amount of liquid gel which can be reconstituted into a solid once more or used

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