

Dresses Made from Thousands of Recycled Rubber Bands

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There's no shortage of architects moonlighting as fashion designers nowadays. Bulgarian, New York-based [Margarita Mileva](#) is one of them, but instead of churning out dreary, orthogonal fare, she re-uses office supplies like paperclips and rubber bands instead, creating intricately woven, rubbery gowns fit for the catwalk.



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Mileva's dresses are painstakingly knotted together using a variety of methods and materials ranging from reused rubber bands, paperclips, business cards, eyelids, mosaic stones, presentation wire binding elements and ribbons. With some pieces consisting of a whopping 18,500 rubber bands, each can take up to 150 hours to complete, with some weighing a hefty 10 kilograms (22 lbs)



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But she's not only restricted to dresses, Mileva even makes matching shoes for some outfits. It's an extension of her love for handmade design, as she describes on [Oddity Central](#):

I always had an eye for jewelry and love to design clothes, knit and make collages. So when I started making jewelry from reusing paperclips, punched business cards and rubber bands, it didn't come as a surprise to anyone. Rubber band dresses were the next step – I am trying to create unique pieces that I would like to be seen as conversation openers.



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This is certainly a refreshing and chic way to redefine the ordinary and humble rubber band. Check out more info over at Margarita Mileva's [ArtSlant](#) profile and her [architecture](#) and [fashion](#) sites.
