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## Brooklyn artist wears discarded Christmas trees as clothing

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Bushwick-based artist [Mary Ivy Martin](#) is taking New Yorkers to task for their use-it-and-lose-it attitude when it comes to Christmas trees. In an effort to [repurpose discarded trees](#) after the holidays, Martin picks them up off the street and transforms them into [wearable art](#). Because, after all, why wear fur when you can wear fir?

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Although lugging a large tree on your back is no easy task, Martin wears her tree-coats in stride and with pride. She scours the city after the holidays looking for discarded trees to rescue and takes them back to her studio at the [Chashama 266 gallery](#), where she uses chicken wire to give the forsaken trees a new form of life.

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Not only does Martin transform the trees into wearable art, she takes the process one step further to shame the culprits who abandoned their once-beloved conifers. After donning each arborous costume, Martin ceremoniously walks back to the original resting place where each tree was picked up in an attempt to show the neighbors what a little imagination, love, and chicken wire can do.

Martin's exhibition "Arboreal Anxieties" will be on display at [Chashama 266](#) until February 13th.