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Cool vs Cruel

When I thought about this contest, I wanted to design a dress with my own twist to combine two ideas into one to make it more interesting. My design was inspired by the animal surroundings in Africa. This garment main suppose was to represent the beauty of the wild life. The way I wanted to show that was to make the dress flow down with different lengths of layers and make it short in the front and longer in the back. After getting my design sorted out, I started thinking about the main fabric I was going to use. To make my dress more interesting, I wanted to get a fun animal print to get more attention. I thought about the color of the animal print I wanted to use and I decided to use a zebra print because it is black and white Also, the fabric was prefect because it was not see throw and it is soft. The cape represents animals' shelter. This material is polyester and the reason why I picked out this material was because it looks like real leather.

#### Material used

- Polyester/zebra print
- Polyester/ black
- Satin/black
- Polyester/ ribbon
- Silk/lining

From using synthetic animals' fabric, I learned that you could create anything you want and get the same result as using real animal fabric. Also, I believe killing animal for fur is wrong. From using this method, it is a lot cleaner.

Once I get my degree, I plan to gain more experience by working for a company. It does not matter how long I work because I would be able to use my hobby as my job.