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who was **born** to be creative!

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WE ARE *Romance* *Was Born*

We are Anna Plunkett and Luke Sales, and we're fashion designers. Our clothing label is named **Romance Was Born**. In 2005 we created our first collection of clothes - that's when **Romance Was Born** was born!



What inspires us?

We work with contemporary artists to make something new with them.

Ideas for our clothes can come from anywhere, at any time. We are inspired by superheroes, the Australian landscape, pearls and oysters, dinosaurs and by lots of colours.

We mix things up and create the unexpected!

Our collections

Every year we create more than 100 different outfits!

SUMMER TIME

One hot summer, the ocean inspired one of our collections. We thought about stories of the lost city of Atlantis and the Little Mermaid.

Our nanna's doilies and woolly crochet reminded us of sea creatures and coral.

WINTER TIME

When making a winter season collection, we were excited by the mythical yeti and by snow angels.

Draw it!

Summer collection
Dress up this rubber ducky in an outfit for summer.



Winter collection
Keep teddy warm with lots of layers.





One of our favourite
collections is
Mushroom Magic

We worked with artists Pip & Pop.
They made a magical land out of
coloured sugar, in an old railway
warehouse, where we showed
our collection.

Draw it!

Draw capes for these animals.



Here's Anna's dog Monaro in a cape, dressed up as a super dog!



Make it!

Create a magic cape

A white sheet can transform a person into a spooky ghost for Halloween, and a black cape can turn any good little girl or boy into a nasty witch or a wizard!

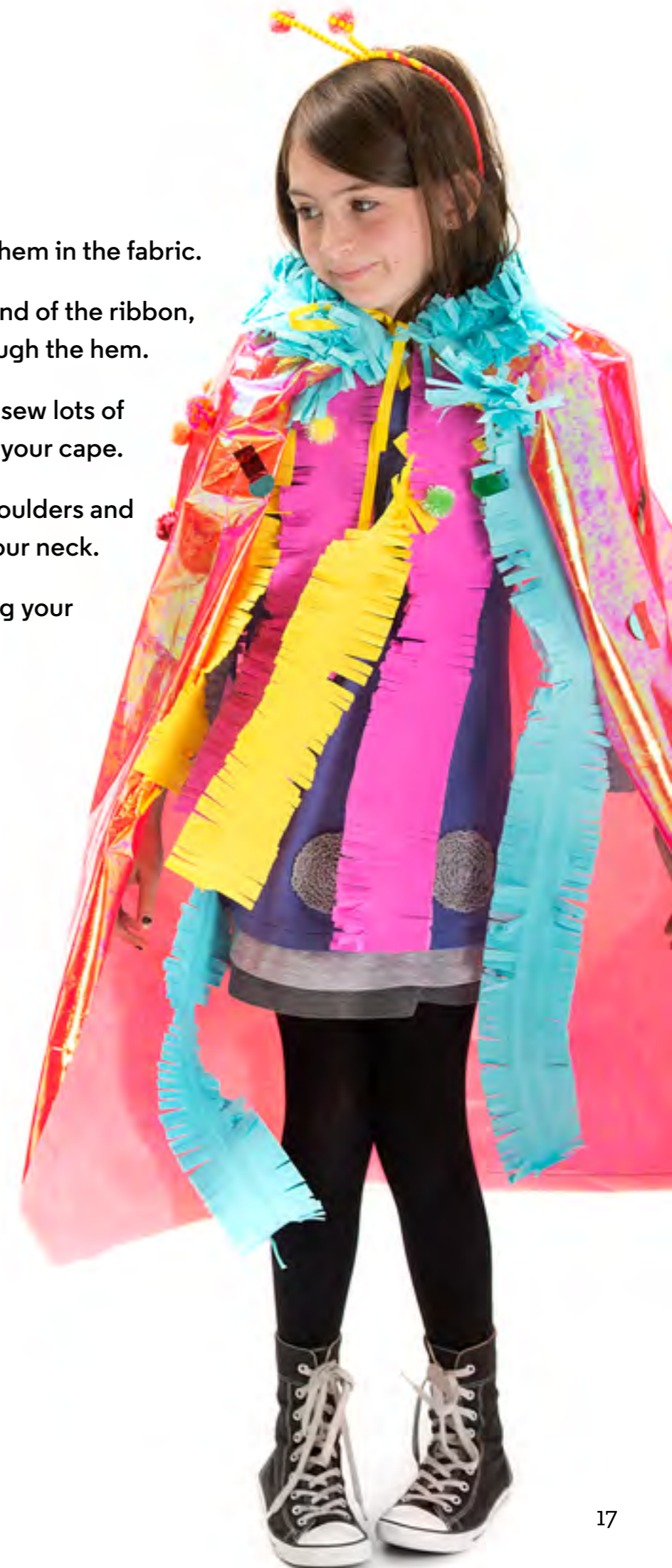
You will need:

- Large piece of fabric
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- One metre of ribbon
- Safety pin
- Scissors
- Decorations, such as leftover Christmas tinsel, silver foil, paper doilies, pompoms



Instructions:

- 1 Ask an adult to create a wide hem in the fabric.
- 2 Attach the safety pin to one end of the ribbon, and thread its full length through the hem.
- 3 Using the needle and thread, sew lots of decorations onto the outside your cape.
- 4 Drape the fabric over your shoulders and tie the ribbon into a bow at your neck.
- 5 Take a look at yourself wearing your cape in the mirror.



Draw it!

Give Luke's high-top sneaker some style.



Decorate Anna's shoe with your designs.



Give this backpack and handbag some pizzazz.



