



Images: Bonnie Cashin Archive, DAAP Library, University of Cincinnati



POCKET PONCHO

Garment Materials:

- Recycled denim
- Screen printed cotton

Garment Origin Info:

- Bonnie Cashin and American sportswear innovations
- Contemporary gender-queer fashion

This poncho is inspired by designer, Bonnie Cashin, and her reinvisioning of women's wear with pockets, comfort, utility, and ease of silhouettes.

Cashin was a pioneer in American sportswear at the advent of Women's Lib. The excess of pockets in this poncho adds some absurdity as well as a queering towards the senses of touch, eros, and holding.

The message, or mantra, of *Wild Patience*, (look for the yellow and lavender bias tape at the inner neck) is meant for the wearer of the garment. It is culled from the title of Adrienne Rich's 1981 collection of poems, and it speaks to the fortitude needed for a life lived in pursuit of and service to freedom.