Jennie Leenay

Artist statement:

I am very inspired by Afrofuturism! In response to a lack of Black representation within the genre, Black science fiction writers wanted to change the narrative by placing Black people in the future with their own stories. I hope to accomplish something similar through fashion. I want my looks to encompass the history and beauty of African and Black culture to propel our culture into the future. I want people wearing my clothes to feel powerful, unapologetic, and proud to be themselves. As a queer person of color, I want my communities to be represented in my designs, and I want them to feel as if they are being seen and celebrated. I have chosen African textiles with very strong bright, bold colors. I strive to create innovative designs and details, including zippered slits and high collars.