

Chinatown native crafts couture from rice sack once used by deliveryman father

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SENIOR FASHIONISTA â?? Dorothy Quock was born in San Franciscoâ??s Chinatown. Now 85, she conducts tours of her neighborhood for Wok Wiz Walking Tours. She made this rice sack dress, which she wore at the American Society on Aging Conference in San Francisco this summer â?? and will perhaps at celebrations if â??Forever Chinatown,â?• an Emmy-nominated documentary she helped on, takes the prize.



The sack was one remaining from her father, who delivered rice to customers during the 1930s in 50- to 100 lb.-bags. She said she started from what she thought to be a simple project: â??By removing stitches from a 100-lb. rice sack, just enough room for my head & arms (some grains actually fell out), it was a snug fit.

â??But it had little wiggle room and certainly I would not be able to dance in celebration at film festivals, if not the Academy Award event. That is why I added red netting on the side seams, so it can flair out when I twirl.â?•

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