

**JAWARA ALLEYNE**

Fashion Designer and Artist whose work explores identity through the complexities of the Carib and Afro-Carib experience.



**(Self) Made Man by Jawara**

*I think I've always been on a search for the self. I'm filled with memories of being in the Cayman Islands and thinking how happy I will be to leave and to 'find' myself in London. After 8 years of searching what I've discovered is that the self is not found, but created; that you are everything and nothing all at once and that this search only illuminates not a concrete self, but an ever-changing one.*

***(Self) Made Man is the regurgitation of the power of the masculine transformed into a collection for the man who chooses to define himself.***

*Today's self made man questions everything. The performance of masculinity, the meaning of masculinity, the way we design for the male form, the narratives we create around the male form and the way we present the male form. My work as a designer is deeply rooted in contemplations of identity focusing on the black male experience, as these are the lenses I use to make sense of the world. My research has always discerned a relation between the body and adornment to our deeper sense of self and overarching sense of identity.*

*(Self) Made Man is a collation of questions that challenges both masculinity and the lines of menswear. Re-Presenting the male form and in particular the black male form within a story that asks black men to see themselves reflected from different angles.*

*The collection also examines systems of sourcing, the materials used in menswear and the way we use these materials to challenge the system of fashion. The subtle draping, fine detailing, use of fabrics from both low budget and luxury spaces gives the garments a feeling that's often missing in menswear. One that's filled with storytelling through detailing and pushes the meaning of contemporary menswear.*

***Jawara means lover of peace and as such my work aims not to provide answers but asks the viewer dig a little deeper and come to their own conclusions.***



Look 1

**(Self) Made Man**

***Draped Cady Headpiece\_Beaded Beater Top\_Crepon Top\_Like Water Satin Trousers***

***Draped Cady Headpiece***  
***Draped Cady Headpiece made from found bamboo and deadstock cady.***

***Beaded Beater***  
***Hand-stitched beaded beater top made from up cycled bead dress and found crystals.***

***Crepon Top***  
***Crepon top made from recycled fabric scraps courtesy of Peter Pilotto.***

***Like Water Satin Trousers***  
***Like water satin trousers made from deadstock tailoring satin.***



Look 2

*(Self) Made Man*

*I-Rate Hat\_Ultrasound Top\_Walk The Plank Trousers\_Interview With The Pirate Coat*

*I-rate Hat  
Draped off-cut leather, riveted closed.*

*Ultrasound Top  
Made from hammered silk scraps with ultrasound screen print.*

*Walk The Plank Trousers  
Washed deadstock taffeta trousers with up cycled cotton wool trouser from designers teenage wardrobe.*

*Interview With The Pirate Coat  
Draped off-cut leather coat riveted closed.*



Look 3

**(Self) Made Man**

**Space Is The Place? Hat\_Runner Crochet Beater\_Immune To Reason Soft Biker Trousers**

**Space Is The Place? Hat**  
**Found china bowl with stretch mesh.**

**Runner Crochet Beater**  
**Tea-stained vintage crochet table runner and glass beads.**

**Immune To Reason Soft Biker**  
**Draped nylon biker trousers with rivets, vintage gold buttons and glass beads.**

**Manly Man Jacket**  
**Ice Blue Taffetta jacket made from deadstock taffetta, deadstock leather and found lamp work beads.**



Look 4

**(Self) Made Man**

**Sorting Hat\_Drapework Beater\_Ye' Tho Trousers\_Soft Armour Glove\_Steel Eye**

**Sorting Hat**  
*Made from a mixture of purchased, found and repurposed feathers.*

**Drapework Beater**  
*Exposed drape work top made from over-dyed repurposed lurex knit with antique brass buttons.*

**Ye Tho Trousers**  
*Draped, folded and pleated up cycled corduroy trousers from designers teenage wardrobe.*

**Soft Armour Glove**  
*Made from headstock lurex jersey.*

**Steele Eye**  
*Eyepatch made from found stainless steel spice bowl.*



Look 5

(Self) Made Man

Save Me From My Own Ego Hat\_Sun As A Star Top\_Let's Reason Trouser

*Save Me From My Own Ego  
Sunhat draped with chiffon and crepon scraps.*

*Sun As A Star Top  
Satin Cady top made from deadstock Satin Cady and antique brass buttons.*

*Let's Reason Trouser  
Repurposed waxed cotton and denim draped trousers.*



Look 6

*Musician As Philosopher Top*  
*Hand dyed silk top.*

*Only God Can Judge Me Top*  
*Top made from lurex jersey scraps.*

*The Long And Short Of It*  
*Corduroy short trouser.*

*(Self) Made Man*

*Musician As Philosopher Top\_Only God Can Judge Me Mask Top\_The Long And Short Of It Trouser*



Look 7

**(Self) Made Man**

**MO-Hair Hat\_Balance Top\_Balance Trousers**

**MO-Hair Hat**  
**Mohair scrap hat.**

**Balance Top**  
**Overdyed deadstock devore top with antique brass buttons.**

**Balance Trousers**  
**Overdyed deadstock devore high-waisted trousers with antique brass button.**



Look 8

(Self) Made Man

Midnight Hat\_Midnight Mask Top\_Midnight Shorts\_Dead Of Night Jacket\_Bat Wings At Midnight

**Midnight Hat**  
Made from dead stock shirring tulle.

**Midnight Mask Top**  
Made from dead stock shirring tulle.

**Midnight Shorts**  
Made from dead stock shirring tulle.

**Dead Of Night Jacket**  
Made from dead stock wool and satin cady scraps.

**Bat Wings At Midnight**  
Made from found umbrellas, organza and latex.



Look 9

**A Wolf In A Burning Tree Top**  
Made from stretch mesh and found, bought and repurposed feathers.

**Burning Tree Kaftan**  
Made from dead stock and scraps of crepon and dyed.

**Done With Reasoning Trousers**  
Upcycled corduroy trousers.

**Eel Silk Coat**  
Draped silk scraps with top stitching on wool.

**(Self) Made Man**

**A Wolf In A Burning Tree Top\_Burning Tree Kaftan\_Done With Reasoning Trousers\_Eel Silk Coat**