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Angy in
one of her
latest
designs.



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A FOOTBALL mad fashion designer who has been shown the red card by some of the country's top clubs is defying them all to unveil a controversial collection.

Angy Morton hit the headlines last year when she ripped up her Toon top and transformed it into a wedding dress, in protest at Newcastle United's management crisis.

And the King Kev-themed bridal gown isn't the only soccer-inspired creation she has crafted.

The creative seamstress, who originally comes from Romania, runs her own boutique — Romantique Couture — based in an office neighbouring her husband Mike's travel company, from which she makes all manner of unusual and colourful wedding, evening and prom dresses.

Rip-roaring protest at changes

In a new artistic demonstration, Angy, of Newby Bridge, Cumbria, is now making a new protest, against the vast numbers of home and away strips clubs churn out each year.

This time, strips from 11 other teams — including Toon rivals Sunderland — have been ripped up and turned into stunning evening wear.

And the dresses will finally go on show in a special fashion show in Newcastle's Eldon Gardens on Thursday, much to Angy's delight.

She said: "I'm really pleased it's finally happening, it's all very exciting.

"But not everyone has been pleased about it.

"I've tried to contact all the clubs

whose shirts I use, to get official permission to show their logos and so on, and Liverpool and Chelsea banned me. Some of them didn't even reply to me and didn't want to talk to me.

"When I tried Nike they put the phone down on me, twice."

Angy, however, has come up with a unique way to beat the ban by making some minor alterations to ensure the one-off pieces can take to the catwalk.

Meanwhile, closer to home North East teams Sunderland and Newcastle have both given Angy their blessing as have leading sportswear manufacturers Umbro.

She added: "Stolen Dreams is a unique fusion of fashion and football which has been inspired by the ups and downs of top flight football.

"This is an artistic collection. All of my outfits are unique, one-off designs created to raise my profile as a new designer and awareness of my rather unusual creativity."

The Stolen Dreams catwalk show is at Eldon Gardens in Newcastle on Thursday from 10am to 11am.