Kanthajavik... Taking Kantha to Reykjavik...







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Street Style. VIBE / INSPIRATION / CRAFT



> Individualism & Creativity.

incorporating both traditional and modern elements.



▼ Bold Colours.

Bold colors, patterns, and textures are reflected through scarves, stockings, footwear, handbags, and headwear.



→ Sustainability.

Sustainability is also an important aspect with locals prioritising thrifting and eco-friendly clothing.

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→ Pop of colours.

Natives tend to wear clothes with a splash of colours in elements like stockings, handbags, scarves, socks, coats, etc.

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Bold Colours.





> Bold Patterns & Colours.

Incorporation of bold patterns, colours, and textures can be seen on street.

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Sustainability Aspect.



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Conscious Consumerism.

Reykjavik's street style is intricately linked to sustainability, reflecting the city's commitment to eco-friendly practices and conscious consumerism. The city's fashion scene embraces sustainable shopping options, such as secondhand stores like <u>Hringekjan</u>, which promote recycled fashion and offer chic Icelandic and international designs at discounted prices. Additionally, Reykjavik's design and fashion events, like <u>DesignMarch</u>, showcase progressive names in Icelandic fashion with a strong emphasis on sustainability and connecting with nature.

Sustainable Practices.

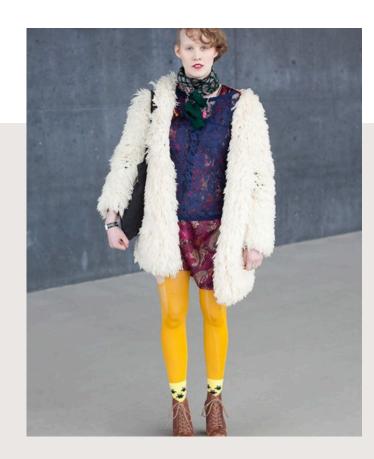
Moreover, Reykjavik's street style reflects a growing trend toward sustainable fashion choices, with an increasing number of designers and brands in the city focusing on eco-friendly materials, upcycling, and ethical production methods. The city's street style enthusiasts embrace sustainable fashion to express their individuality while contributing to a more environmentally friendly shopping experience.

Overall, Reykjavik's street style embodies a fusion of creativity, originality, and sustainability, making it a unique and inspiring reflection of the city's commitment to a greener future.



Key Visual Aspects.





Colour Pop.





Unique Accessories.

Layering.



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Reykjavik Street Style.

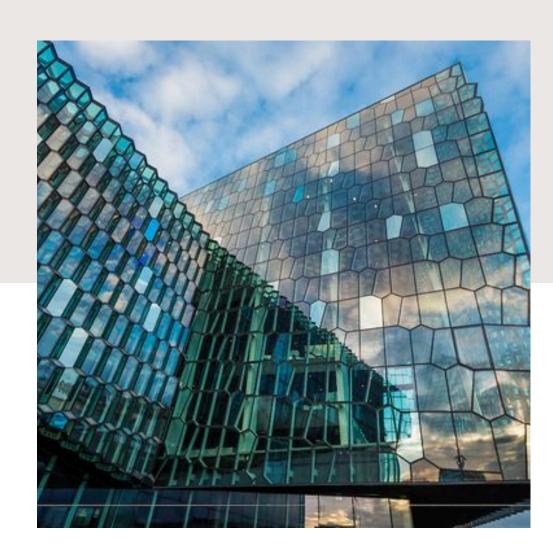
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Reykjavik Street Style.

Harpa Concert Hall.

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Design. (

Designed by the Danish firm Henning Larsen Architects in collaboration with Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson.

> Framework.

It is characterized by a steel framework clad with glass panels of different colors, with lights in the panels that can change color and create different patterns.



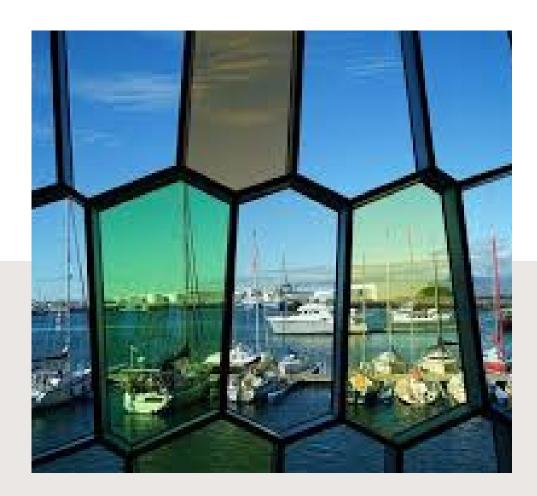


▼ Glass Inspiration.

Colored glass façade inspired by the basalt landscape of Iceland.

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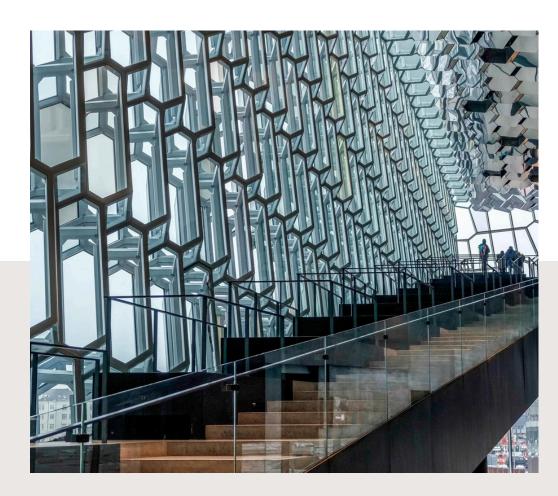
▼ Inspiration.

The design of the Harpa Concert Hall in Reykjavik was influenced by Icelandic nature and the environment, particularly the Northern Lights and the unique scenery of Iceland, which is reflected in the building's appearance with glass hexagons that dominate the design inside and out



→ Architects.

The building's facades were designed in collaboration between Henning Larsen Architects, Batteriid Architects, and artist Olafur Eliasson, aiming to create a dynamic structure that responds to the changing colors of the surroundings. During the day, the geometric figures create a crystalline structure that captures and reflects light, while at night, the facades are illuminated by LED lights, offering a variety of colors and patterns



→ Main Hall.

The Harpa Concert Hall features four concert halls representing the elements of nature – fire, water, earth, and air. The main hall, Eldborg, named after a volcanic crater in Iceland, can seat up to 1,800 guests and is surfaced with red-varnished birch veneer, creating a warm and cozy atmosphere. The design team collaborated with Artec Consultants Inc. for the acoustics, sound isolation, and theater design, ensuring a high-quality auditory experience for visitors

Framework.



"Quasibrick."

The Harpa Concert Hall's glass facade is a key architectural feature, comprising a steel framework clad with geometric-shaped glass panels in a modular system called the "quasibrick". The quasibrick is a twelve-sided polyhedron consisting of rhomboidal and hexagonal faces, which when stacked together create a chaotic, unpredictable quality to the facade.

Facade.

The combination of regularity and irregularity in the quasibrick modules lends the Harpa's facades a dynamic, ever-changing appearance that reacts to the weather, time of day, and the position and movements of viewers. The south facade employs the three-dimensional quasibricks, while the other facades use two-dimensional sectional cuts of the same geometric system, resulting in a variety of patterns and reflections



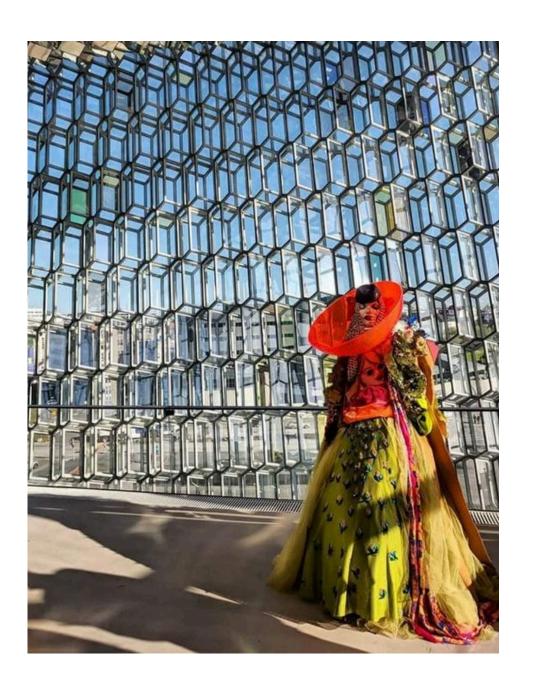
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Gallery.







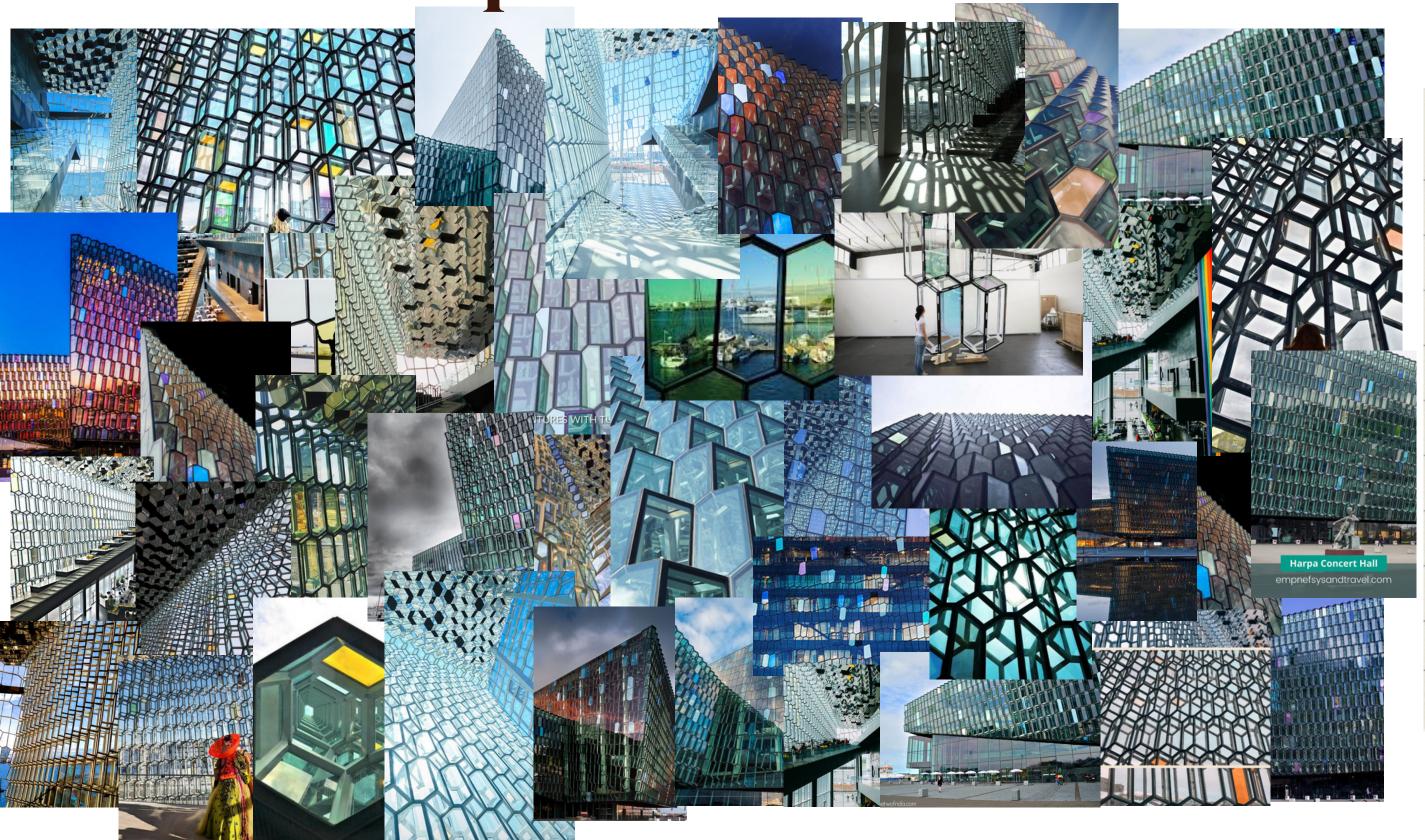


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Harpa Concert Hall.

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Harpa Concert Hall.



→ Origins.

Kantha is a type of embroidery craft that originated in Bangladesh and the eastern regions of India, particularly in the Indian states of West Bengal, Tripura, and Odisha. The word 'kantha' means 'rags' in Sanskrit, and the craft can be rightly called the recycling art because it evolved out of necessity to drape or protect against cold<u>5</u>. Traditionally, old saris or dhotis were layered and stitched together using a simple running stitch, often by rural women.

Kantha Stitch.

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→ Uses.

The traditional form of Kantha embroidery was done with soft dhotis and saris, and the embroidered cloth had various uses, including shawls, covers for mirrors, boxes, and pillows. Intricate motifs of flowers, animals, birds, and geometrical shapes, as well as themes from everyday activities, were commonly used in the embroidery.



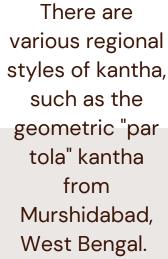
▼ Utilitarian Practice.

In summary, Kantha is a traditional embroidery craft from Bangladesh and eastern India that has evolved from a simple utilitarian practice to a popular form of artistic expression. The Kantha stitch, a loose running stitch, is characteristic of the craft and is used to create intricate motifs and patterns on various garments and fabrics.

Gallery.



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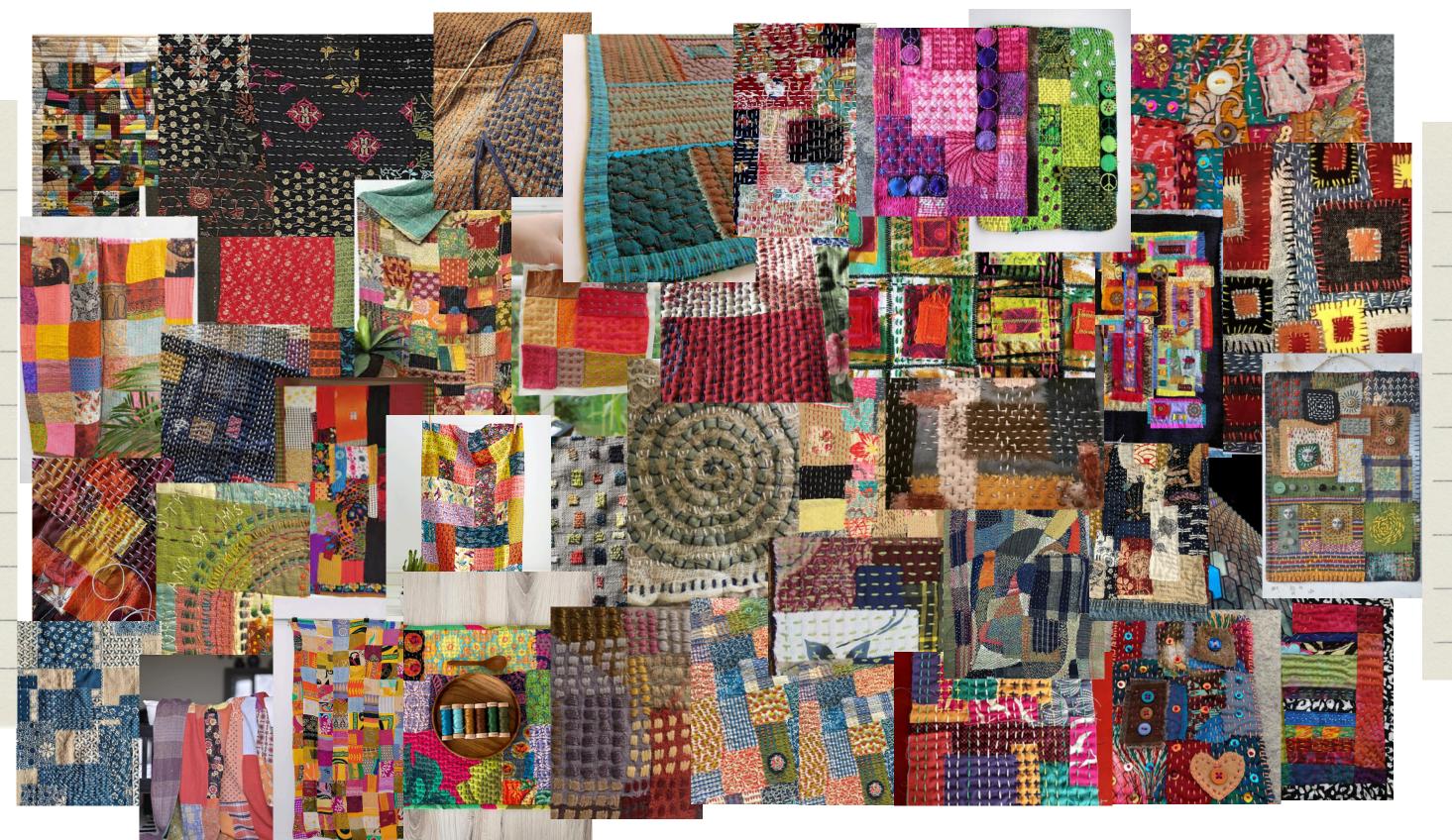
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and everyday life,
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"Kantha" Stitch.

Kantha stitch is a traditional embroidery technique from India. It involves simple running stitches that form intricate patterns. Typically, Kantha is done on cotton or silk fabrics.



Uses a long needle and colorful threads for vibrant designs. Kantha is versatile and can be used on sarees, dupattas, quilts, and more.

"Kantha" Stitch.



Street Style of Reykjavik.

Vibrant

Colours

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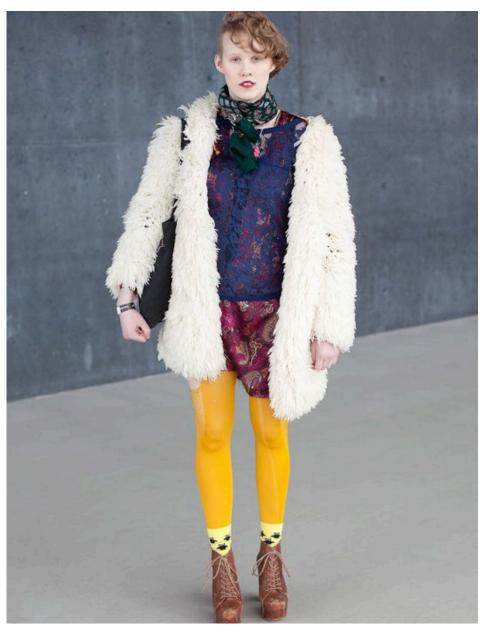


Warm Earthy Tones.









Monochromatic **Neutral Tones.**

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Crystalline

Colours.

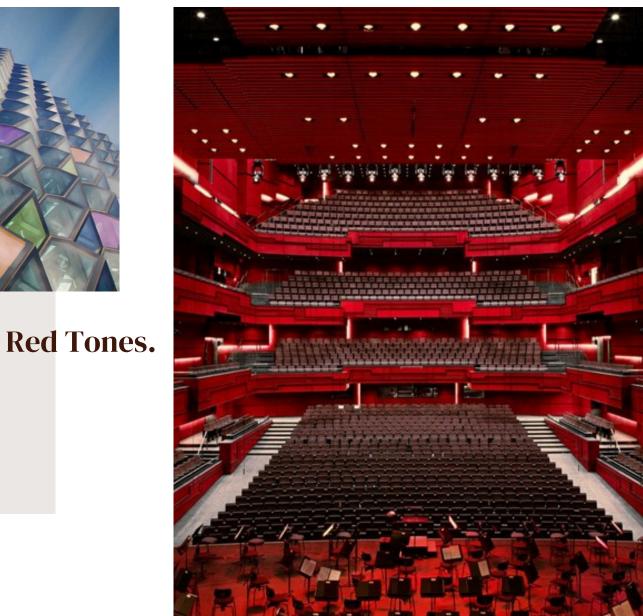


Basalt Colours.



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Reflective Sky Hues.







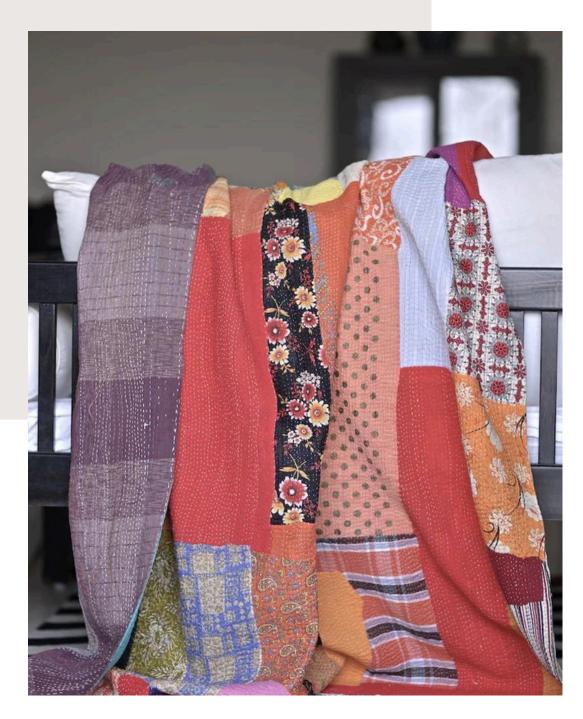
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Kantha.



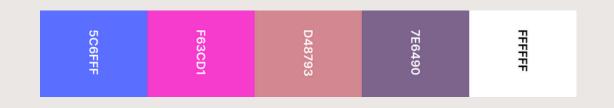
▶ No specific colours.

Since Kantha is a form of patchwork using fabrics from what already exists and would usually go to waste, it almost always consists of fabrics originating from old dhotis and sarees used for this embroidery. Over time, almost any color that suits the design can be used in Kantha embroidery



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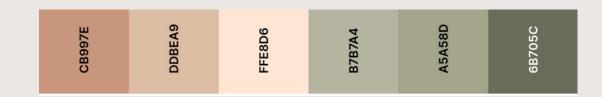
Key Palettes.



Vibrant Contrasting Colours (Street Style) ➤

▲ Crystalline Colours (Harpa)





▲ Warm Earthy Tones (Street Style)



▲ Reflective Sky Hues (Harpa)

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Final Color Palette.





A person who values art and where it is coming from, how ethical it is, a person who does not let their mind differentiate based on gender and set preconceived norms.

Independent.

Women Led.

Art Driven.

Conscious Consumer.



Layering.

Open Minded with Colours.

Deciphering Shapes.











Deciphering Shapes.



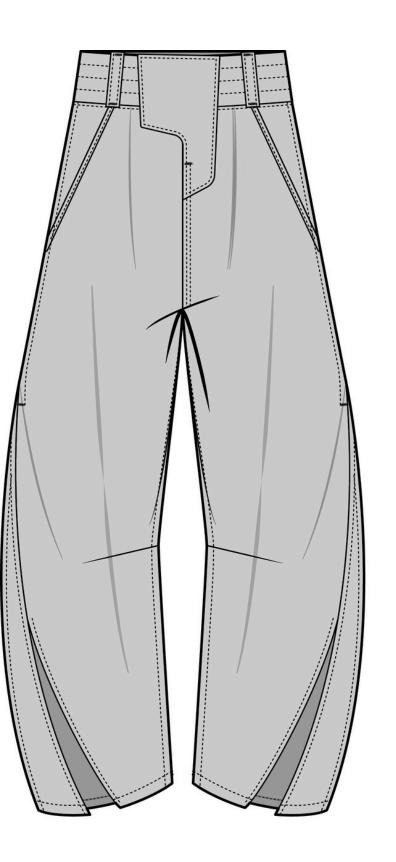




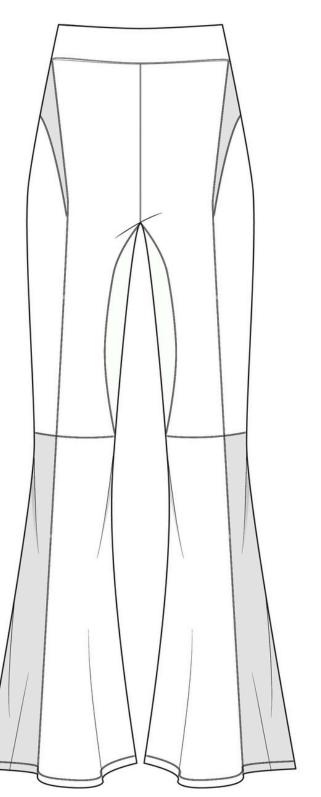




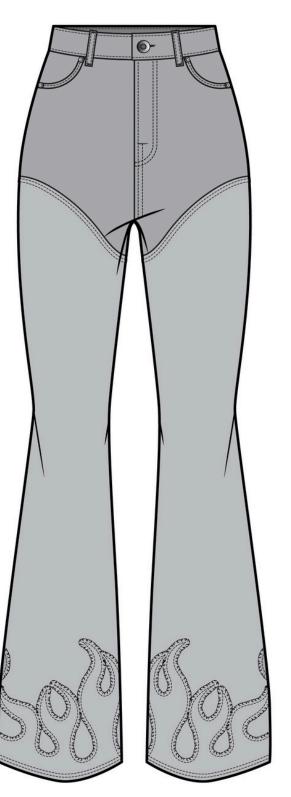


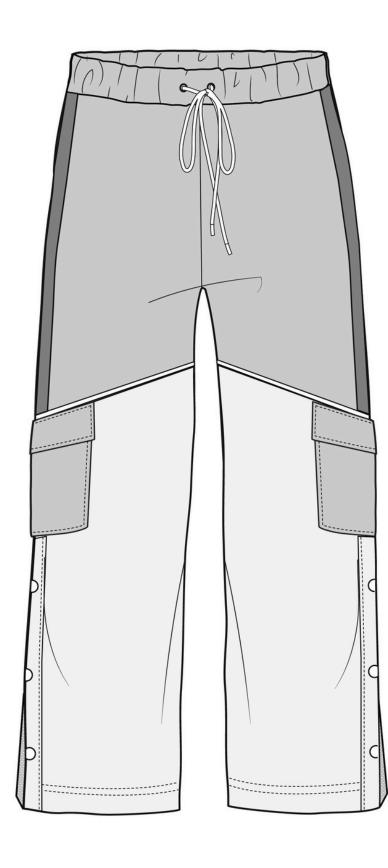


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Exploring Shapes.



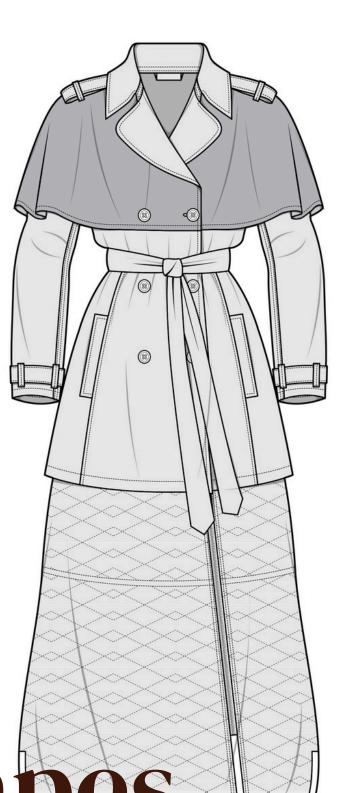














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Fabrics usedCotton Jacquard
Silk Jacquard
Merino Wool
Lopi Wool

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