

Introduction to Fashion

Fashion

styles, themes and ideas for utilizing clothing, accessories and hair to express emotion, personality, purpose and culture; art of visual expression through clothes, shoes, hats, belts, scarves, bags, jewelry, hosiery, hair, makeup and more; style accepted and used by a particular group of people during a particular time period; synonym for apparel, clothing or aesthetics

Color

perceived appearance of an object caused by the reflection of light

Silhouette

overall outline or shape of a garment

Line

cuts of a garment and where the seams, darts, tucks, etc. are placed to move the eye in a certain direction

Texture

how a garment feels to the touch or appears to feel

Fashion Style

distinctive manner or technique of dressing in which similar garments and accessories are combined to achieve a certain look

Ready-to-Wear

clothing mass-produced and industrially manufactured in standard sizes and intended to be worn without significant alteration; includes garments sold in most retail stores; also referred to as prêt-à-porter

Haute Couture

French term referring to the companies and designers which create exclusive, trend-setting and made-to-order fashions; may also be used to describe the fashions created by these people and establishments