Kohji protective, layers of drape and structure create timeless and expressive silhouettes which stand the test of time. An all gender, seasonless collection made up of staple wardrobe items. The collection aims to take protective clothing and add interesting silhouettes through layering, wrapping, drape and tailored elements. The overall intention is to create high quality, durable garments which will stand the test of time.

Seasonless



100 Years of Menswear

For many years, working dress simply meant recycling of clothes until they were no longer useable. Due to the economy at the beginning of the 20th century, most working men wore old suits, reserving their best if they had one for Sunday or combining a jacket and waistcoat with trousers made of tough practical materials,

Since the beginning of the 20th century changes in societal norms and dress codes have changed- office workers in open necked shirts and shorts can be seen on the streets and doctors no longer wearing white coats. Many items associated with workwear have now entered the mainstream wardrobe- construction worker boots to hardy textiles such as corduroy and denim jeans which now associate with leisure, rather than work.

After World War 1 broke out, the loss of a generation of young men caused a societal shift resulting in the disruption of the rigid social hierarchy that had previously dictated sartorial codes.

SB, 6 button, with

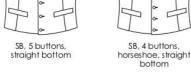
SB. 4 buttons.

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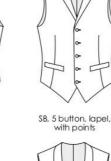










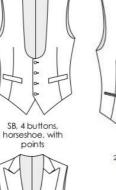




DB, 6 x 3, shawl lapel, straight bottom

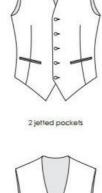






DB, 8 x 4, peak lapel, straight

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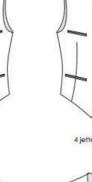








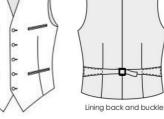
2 side welt pockets with flap. breast jetted pocket - left



without pockets

3 jetted pockets





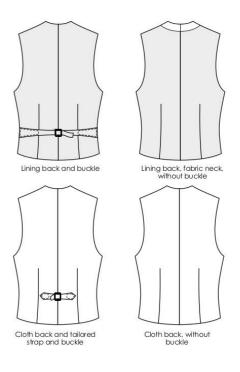


4 welt pockets



Artefact London **Bespoke Waistcoat Designs**

Waistcoats originated in Persia where they first became popuar in the middle of the 17th century. Waistcoats were originally fitted, tailored to the body garments which were deisgned for warmth, style and protection. Waistcoats over the years have been seen in many differnt forms, burttons or zips, single or double breasted.



Originally waistcoats were a knee length garmnet which followed the cut of a coat but as a tighter fit. From the 1700 a shorter above the knee waistcoat was formed with collars, sleeves and a curved hem. A move towards a single breatsed, sleeveless waitcoat with small lapels and a square hem. The 1900 onwards saw a more functional aesthetic to the waistcoat, where pockets were added for old pocket watches and as formal wear. Two waistcoats would be worn at once with one unbuttoned to show the underneath more decorated waitcoat. In the early 21st century a rival of the 3 piece suit came with the business look, which is seen as the most appropriate business attire.

Menswear Tailored Waistcoat and Pleated Shorts Toile Development

Shorts development- draping the pleats on a half scale mannequin to determine pleat size, volume and placement





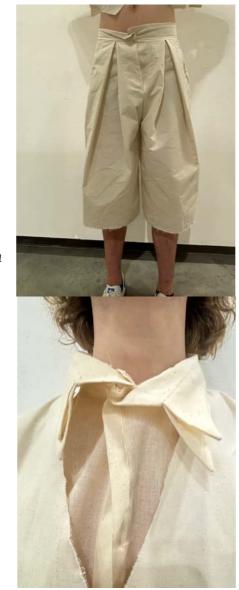








Side seam is curving at the top, on pattern add 1/2 inch to each side of the waistline to straighted the seam







Darts can then be added to the back to create a more fitted back



Mackintosh since 1824

One of the most influential coat makers

With craftmanship and unequalled expertise in manipulation of rubberized fabric there is a constant evolution of Mackintosh's designs, depite being known for its outer-wear products as well as Mackintosh mainline and collaborations.

It all began at the start of the Industrial Revolution in the early 19th century when Charles Mackintosh, a Scottish chemist invented a new method of waterproofing cotton. The Mac was soon developed from rubberised outerwear and due to its waterproof benefits it became an international success.

It was the first type of fabric to ever exist with this completely waterproofing technology which revolutionised both fabric technology and design.

Rubberised trench coats were made for the British army in 1945. During WW1 and WW2 a messenger would carry maps, documnets or strategy in the chest pocket and deliver them by motorbike.

Rubberised railway coats were supplied ro the British railways from the 1920s to 1980s and were mainly worn by those who would carry out security checks.









The Process

Today Mackintosh coast are still made by skilled craftsman using the same traditions pioneered in the early 19th century. The core material consists of two layers, a bonded cotton fabric bonded with rubber that is dyed to perfectly match the outer cotton layer to eliminate any show-through.

Patterns are layed out, marked up and cut. The pieces are then sewn, united and sealed using a special type of glue applied by finger. It takes years to master this intricate technique, however it ensures that the seams of the coat are waterproof and makes it easier to join both curved edges and corners. Once glued, a water resistant tape is attched by hand and pressed over any exposed seams to ensure no water intrusion.

This elaborate production process results in a very limited numberm of garments being produced each year to ensure the quality is to the highest standard.





The Trench

The ancestry of the trench coat goes back to the coachman's coat of the eighteenth century. A similarity between the railway coat- coachman's coat and the trench is the architecture of it lent to an incidental glamour that men of fashion were quick to exploit. In common with the trench coat, the coachmen was initially conceived as a practical garment often equipped with capes and collars of heavy woollen cloth pilled layer with the intention of making it difficult for the climate to penetrate to the wearer. The outermost layer would occasionally be rubbed with oil or grease in a primitive attempt to weatherproof it.

The trench, which was originally designed for the rigorous conditions of trench welfare is now suitable for civil conditions. As the military dress evolved, the trench coat remained a civilian classic incorporating new technical and manmade fabrics. After the second world war, Aquascutum embraced new technologies with the aqua five being developed to achieve the highest water repellence ever achieved, easy removal of grease marks, improved crease resistant, no more reproofing after dry-cleaning and water repellence for the life of the garment. The trench was once worn as a uniform now it is a badge of individuality.



Draping the outerwear under jacket and waistcoat. Determine the shape of the points at the front wrap over. Draping the double pleat on the back, putting this pleat onto the jacket, are the pleat proportions right?

Wrap Coat Trench Development



Testing the double pleat on the side of the skirt. cutting up form the hem into the waistline and adding fabric to flare out the skirt and add more volume. Testing pleat size, double pleat or single pleat with a bigger fold.

















No need for back vent- enough volume for movement.

Adapt hem of jacket, making it more croppedfitting to the top of the skirt.

Womenswear Outerwear Wrap Coat Trench Toile Development

Amend hem of skirt, longer to be floor grazing.

Does the jacket want to be two garmentsan under jacket and over waitcoat. Instead of sewing the wrap waistcoat into the side seam and should seam have it as a seperate garment.

Japanese Workwear

Designs originated from construction sites in Japan

The Tobi Pants



Originally an imitation of the knickerbockers, as their uniform, Japanese workers wear what they call Tobi pant. Tobi pant is a balloon shaped silhouette that complements the everyday physical activities of the workers. The functionality of the design lies in how it can interact with in the wind. The balloon shape of the trousers makes them extra sensitive to the worker as they are operating at a high altitude, they can immediately tell which way the wind is blowing and be cautious of the aero currents to avoid danger.

Ammendments such as extra fabric added to the inside seam to create more of a volumouse flare at the hem and darts on the back of the back of the trousers so they sit nicer and fitted to the body.

Trouser Development- draping the pleats on a half scale mannequin to determine pleat size, volume and placement



The cape has served as a cover up since ancient times. Capes are known to be a protective piece of fabric which will sometimes be accompanied by a hood and are most associated with kings, queens, magicians, wizards and offer a layer of protection to the body and face. Capes are seen as a religious statement throughout history but more recently seen in fashion and can protect against harsh weather and maintain privacy.

Capes in Roman times were found on military commanders and fastened at one shoulder. They were more commonly worn in Medieval Europe by both rich and poor. Muslims, Jews and Christians particularly in Arabia and in the Levant, region wore a cloak similar to what is referred to as the Abaya today. It is known that in the world of couture, the cape element will never be outdated or out of style- capes add a touch of royalty, flawlessness, and elegance to the designs. The origins of a cape are traditional however they have been seen to be modernised. Capes add a majestic allure, intimate elegance, timeless look as well as the ancient protective use.



Cape Development

Initial Draping of the cape deisgn using one piece of fabric to drape one side. Once happy with the look of the drape this piece was duplicated for the other side of the cape. A triangular panel added to the back where each side is sewn to. Where does the front wrap want to sit on the body. Just above the waist?

Robert Morris



Felt with metal Grommets 1976 261.6 x 294.6 x 58.4cm



Grey felt steel bar 199 x 400 x 124cm



Brown Felt 1973 259cm x 366 cm











Amend waistband to be not so wide, work out width of waitband when making the trousers a higher rise.



Cape front folds shorter then on half scale drape, amend so the front folds came down to waist.

Adapt trousers to be higher waisted so they sit nicer to the body and the pleats fall from a higher point.





Genderless Cape Gown and Font Pleat Trousers Toile Development

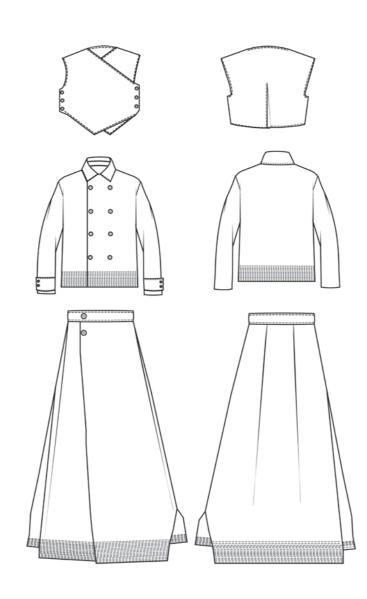




Lead beeding in the front of the folds to add weight and stop the cape from falling back.









Outift 1 Trench inspired Outerwear. Soft structured wrap over waistcoat, under jacket and wrap skirt. Wrap around waistcoat which buttons on each side. The wrap creates a pointed waistcoat style silhouette. A double pleat at the back to create a voluminous waterproof shield. A double breasted under jacket with a simple shirt collar, oversized strap cuffs and hem stitch detail. Voluminous wrap skirt consisting of single pleats in towards each other. Hidden seamless side pockets and a stitch detail chunky hem.

Waistcoat, under jacket and wrap skirt fully linned. Outer- Deadstock Burberry B11/23 Fine Twill Honey with coating finish (unknown composition).

Lining- Linen/Cotton Blend with 2% Lycra Check from Croft Mill Skirt Binding- 100% Cotton Navy







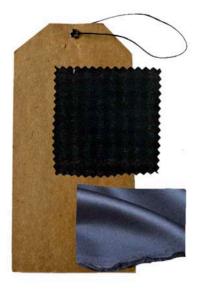
Outift 2 Cape and Wrap Pleat Trousers. Draped cape coat constructed with 3 pieces including a triangular back Draped cape coat constructed with 3 pieces including a triangular back panel. Bias binding tape finished edges with lead weighting sewn into the front panel binding. Welt style side openings to allow for fabric belt to pass through so cape can be tied up. Wrap pleated trousers conisisting of a single pleat going towards a larger fold from the back of the trousers. Button and, hook and eye fastenings with an extended waistaband. Hem and waistband finished with bias binding and blind bemmed

Cape- Navy Grey Check 100% Wool Suiting from Misan Store Trousers- Navy Italian 100% Fine Wool Suiting from Raystitch

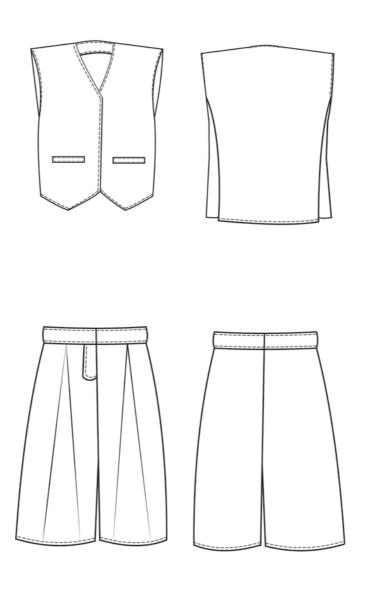
binding and blind hemmed.

Binding- 100% Cotton Navy









Outift 3 Soft Tailored Waistcoat and Pleated Shorts Soft tailored waistcoat with invisible button placket. Button fastening, 2 x front waist single welt pockets. V-neck and double side vent into side panel at back.

Front pleated tailored shorts. Two single pleats folding into each other at the front of the shorts. Button and, hook and eye fastening.

Waistcoat is fully linned, tailored shorts are finished with bias binding around the hem and waitsband. Bias binding is blind hemmed flat.

Waistcoat- Navy Check 100% Worsted Wool Suiting from Misan Store Short- Navy talian 100% Fine Wool Suiting from Raystitch Lining- Silk crepe backed 100% Mulberry Silk from Beckford Silk Binding- 100% Cotton Navy











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