



Study of Fashion Inspired by Architecture and How fashion and dress shape women's identities.

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Introduction : Coco Chanel famously said that “fashion is architecture: it is a matter of proportions.” As with most things the iconic designer said or did, it wasn't long before the world followed her lead. Classic designers like Versace, Balmain and Cardin all studied architecture before switching to fashion, while legendary architects like Zaha Hadid and Frank Gehry have taken time off from designing buildings to work on jewelry, shoes and bags.



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Architecture can be an inspiration for a fashion design. It may seem a little surprising to use an architectural building as an inspiration for fashion design, but all examples of architecture, whether traditional or contemporary, can cause a creative spark to the designer. Whether it is in the overall theme of a building or just a detail, useful ideas in the architecture can be found as inspiration to create a garment. Architecture and fashion may seem far from each other; in architecture, designing monumental buildings are meant for a long visual life, whereas fashion in clothes changes every season. However, both forms are three dimensional and contain space; both are structured; both are related to fine arts and visual.

Three dimensional form and space is the basis of architecture and so are the most designed objects in art. In evaluating a designed object different perspectives should be considered. Three dimensional designs as in architecture, sculpture, and fashion occupy a space which affects the overall form of the design. Fashion designers, who have to have a spatial way of thinking like architects, translate a two dimensional material (cloth) into a three dimensional form (body-shaped garment). Fabric is a two dimensional shape but when it is constructed as a garment surrounding the human body, it becomes a three dimensional form which has its own space as well. Fashion designer needs to experiment with form and shape, while designing and constructing a garment that is appropriate to human body.

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