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Exhibiting in the Paris Salons from onwards, he moved to the capital in I He rejected the rhetoric of the UAM, continuing his workshop system and incorporating luxurious veneers, bleached animal hide vellum and gilt mounts in his furniture. In he began a successful career as a stage set designer before turning to industrial design in Despite commissions for the Toledo Scale Co. His book Horizons was a manifesto for Modern streamlining which promoted a series of futuristic designs for buildings and transport systems. In Norman Bel Geddes died on 8th of May. In his autobiography, *Miracle in the Evening*, was published. He is the father of actress Barbara Bel Geddes A. M Cassandre art deco, designer, Born Adolphe Jean-Marie Mouron, Cassandre studied painting and was a friend of many leading figures in Parisian avant-garde society of the s, including Apollinaire, Fernand Leger and Erik Satie. His posters combined bold images with a stylised simplicity and Modern typefaces. Cassandre designed three typefaces: Trained as an architect, he exhibited in the Paris Exposition as both an architect and a decorator. The bold curves and luxurious contrasting of exotic woods in his earlier furniture gave way in the later s to a more functionalist inspired aesthetic. Chareau received commissions to design interiors from, among others, Mallet-Stevens, and his most celebrated architectural work was his collaboration with the Dutch architect Bijvoet on the *Maison de Verre*, famed for its revolutionary use of glass brick walls and mobile room partitions. His career from until his emigration to America in illustrates the gradual hardening of Modernist attitudes in Britain in the s. From to , Chermayeff was chief designer to the London decorating firm F. His pioneering designs for the furniture manufacturer PEL introduced the use of tubular steel in Britain. During the same period Chermayeff also designed radio cabinets for Ecko Clarice Cliff art deco, designer, Clarice Cliff is known throughout the world, she is possibly the most significant Art Deco ceramic artists of the twentieth century. Initially influenced by her aunts, who were paintresses at a nearby pottery company, she began her career as an enameler at the age of thirteen and by her long standing collaboration with A. In , having married Colley Shorter the owner, she produced a number of other lines for Wilkinsons but in after the Bizarre wares were discontinued she became more involved in Wilkinsons administration. Susie Cooper art deco, designer, Despite early ambitions to become a fashion designer, Susie Cooper emerged as one of the most important ceramic designers and producers of the century. Her interest in ceramics was awakened in and she initially worked with A. In she established her own atelier, and her factory produced breakfast sets, tea sets and dinner ware for a largely middle-class market. Her designs are reported to have caused a sensation at the British Industries Fair where she sold a clown decorated triangular lamp base to a member of the Royal family. Michel die Klerk art deco, designer, After collaborating with J. In his celebrated housing schemes such as *Het Scheep* in Amsterdam, de Klerk married an adventurous plasticity and strong sense of geometry with an appreciation of traditional Dutch forms and shapes. A suite designed in was exhibited posthumously at the Paris Exposition. Sonia Delaunay art deco, designer, Born in Ukraine, Sonia Delaunay nee Stern, Terk trained as a painter before moving to Paris in and she married the painter Robert Delaunay in As early as Sonia was designing embroidery and bookbindings alongside her abstract paintings, and after the loss of her private income in as a result of the Russian Revolution she became more preoccupied with her design work. After spending time in Madrid during the First World War, she opened her *Atelier Simultane* in Paris, designing fashion, textiles and interiors. At the Paris Exposition she ran the *Boutique Simultanee* where she achieved fame as a designer of modern fashions. A visit to Paris in led Deskey to focus on interior and furniture design. His early successes were designs for screens, and in he entered into partnership with Phillip Vollmer, creating the decorating firm Deskey & Vollmer Inc. Archives suggest that some designs for furniture, rugs and textiles by Deskey were put into production. Djo Bourgeois art deco, designer, Djo Bourgeois was part of the youngest generation of French Art Deco designers who were subsequently attracted to the ethics and aesthetics of Modernism towards the end of the s. In he joined Le

Studios Louvre and began exhibiting at the Salon. Le Studios Louvre saw his adventurously Modern designs as providing an opportunity to compete with the work of Charlotte Perriand and Mallet-Stevens. At first Djo Bourgeois preferred lacquered wood and glass, but soon discovered steel, aluminium and concrete. He left Le Studios Louvre in 1925. His last exhibit before his death was a dining room with moveable partitions at the Salon. Maurice Dufrene art deco, designer, A founder member of the Societe des Artistes Decorateurs, Dufrene with Leon Jallot, was among the group of French designers who became known as the Constructeurs, before the First World War. By 1925, his work adapted more simplified forms using more substantial materials and construction. Jean Dunand art deco, designer, Although he began his career as a sculptor and producer of decorative objects, Dunand became interested in lacquer from 1915 and it is for his lacquered panels, furniture and interiors that he is best remembered. He exhibited throughout the inter war years, co-designing the smoking room of the Ambassade Francaise at the Paris Exposition. By 1925 he was producing and exhibiting large pieces of lacquer furniture, Dunand contributed to the three great French ocean liners of the period, the Ile de France, the Atlantique and the Normandie. Paul Follot art deco, designer, Like Dufrene Follot was part of the older generation of Art Deco designers who had developed their style from Art Nouveau. Follot worked at La Maison Moderne between 1915 and 1925. He became independent in 1925, designing furniture, lighting, carpets, clocks and jewellery. His style combined simplified traditionally inspired forms with rich decoration, and his work before the First World War represented an exercise in modern decoration which provided a blueprint for much of the more traditional French Art Deco which reached its apex at the Paris Exposition, to which Follot made a large contribution. After Follot returned to independent practice and in 1925 he received a commission for the ocean liner Normandie as well as exhibiting at the Brussels Exposition. Paul Theodore Frankl art deco, designer, Born in Prague, Frankl together with his fellow European Joseph Urban, was one of the pioneering Modern designers working in America before 1925, who laid the foundations of the American tradition of modern decoration. After spending some time in Berlin and Copenhagen, Frankl left for America in 1925 and set up in business in New York. Although at first describing himself as an architect, in 1925 he opened a gallery at 4e, 48th Street which sold a variety of his designs for furniture, as well as modern textiles and wallpapers imported from Europe. His influence as a designer was compounded by his polemical pro-Modern publications: In 1925 he introduced his celebrated skyscraper furniture, before turning to metal furnishings in the 1930s. Gill art deco, designer, Despite a diverse body of work, Gill is best remembered for his sculpture and his typography. His sans serif typeface, designed in 1925 for the Monotype Corporation, became synonymous with Modern graphic design. Josef Gocar art deco, designer, Gocar was a leading exponent of Czech cubist design in the 1920s, co-founding the Prague Artistic Workshops in 1925. Oliver Hill art deco, designer, Hill attended evening classes at the Architectural Association, London. After the First World War he returned to practice becoming a fashionable society architect working predominantly in the neo-georgian and neo-vernacular styles. After Hill designed a number of buildings in the modern style, although his ambiguous relationship with the more doctrinaire elements in the Modern Movement is embodied in his use of decoration. While Joldwynds and his scheme for Frinton appear to belong firmly to the Modern Movement, at the Midland Hotel, Morecambe, he used Eric Gill and Eric Ravilious for decorative assistance. Charles Hoiden art deco, designer, The architecture of Charles Hoiden exemplifies the pragmatic compromise that was British Art Deco. After the First World War he became a member of the Design in Industries Association, through which he met Frank Pick who commissioned him to build new facades for existing London Underground stations and for new stations on the extended Northern Line. He traveled with Pick throughout Northern Europe and his work on the new stations on the Piccadilly Line established a brick-built, modern house style for the Underground which echoed the work of architects in Holland such as Dudok. He was catapulted to fame in 1925 when, together with John Mead Howells, he won the competition to design the Chicago Tribune Tower. Despite the fact that the building was neo-Gothic rather than Art Deco, his remaining twelve years of practice included work on some of the most significant American buildings of the age: His last commission was to design the Electricity Building at the Century of Progress exhibition in Chicago. Pavel Janak art deco, designer, After studying under Otto Wagner at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna, Janak returned to his native Prague, where he was to design some of the most remarkable furniture and ceramics of the Czech cubist movement. Janak joined the Group of Plastic

Artists in and was one of the editors of Umelecky Mesicnik as well as being a founder member of the Prague Artistic Workshops in . In , they married and, although neither had any formal design training, they began manufacturing furniture under the name Betty Joel Ltd. Francis Jourdain art deco, designer, One of the founders of the UAM, Jourdain had always held an ambivalent attitude towards decoration. For clients demanding luxury, his concession might be the use of a rich veneer. As a result of his sparse style, many of his early commissions were for public spaces rather than private interiors. Jourdain exhibited at the Paris Exposition and from then onwards he began to use steel, aluminium and lacquer. Jourdain retired in to spend more time writing. As well as exhibiting in The Architect and the Industrial Arts at the Metropolitan Museum in , Kahn was responsible for some of the great decorative buildings of the s, such as Fifth Avenue and 2 Park Avenue with its brightly coloured terracotta exterior by L. Piet Kramer art deco, designer, Kramer met Michel de Klerk while working in the office of the Amsterdam architect Eduard Cuypers and he collaborated with J. Kramer took part in five of the Amsterdam social housing projects which characterized the work of the school in the years . The use of brickwork to carry the abstract geometric decoration on the facades of his buildings proved an antecedent to some of the more flamboyant decorative exercises in Art Deco architecture, while his use of brick also provided inspiration for the more pragmatic approach of the suburban Art Deco of Britain. Kramer was also a notable furniture designer. Lalique rented his first glassworks in , at Combs-la-vile near Fontainebleau. Initially the factory produced only perfume bottles, but by the s Lalique began to manufacture other works in glass such as jewellery, mirrors, lamps, chandeliers and tableware. He exhibited at Paris in , his celebrated glass fountain provided both a centrepiece for the Perfume Pavilion as well as a defining symbol of French Art Deco of the s. In he travelled in Europe, meeting Josef Hoffmann in Vienna. From until he worked for the Paris architect Auguste Perret, and in and in the Berlin office of Peter Behrens. Indeed it was as a decorator that Jeanneret became known in the Parisian art world, working with such designers as Andre Groult and Paul Poiret. However, through his involvement with the Purist painter Amedee Ozenfant, Jeanneret by now known as Le Corbusier, developed the anti-decorative theory for which he became famous. A founder member of the UAM, Le Corbusier is often portrayed as representing the antithesis of Art Deco his pavilion was marginalised at the exhibition. But his work before and the influence of the modernist aesthetic on the development of Art Deco in Europe and America from the late s, make him an important figure in the history of the art deco style. Raymond Loewy art deco, designer, Loewy studied electrical engineering in his native France before emigrating to America after serving in the First World War. He recognised the potential of applying the principles of commercial art to the actual products of industry and in was commissioned to modernize the Gestetner mimeograph machine. He published influential futuristic designs for taxis, cars and trains as well as designing locomotives for the Pennsylvania Railroad and the distinctive Greyhound Coach Apprenticed in his native Glasgow to the architect John Hutchinson between and , Mackintosh traveled widely in Europe in the s. He designed posters from the mid s, and also exhibited at the Arts and Crafts exhibition. In Mackintosh began the first phase of his work on the Glasgow School of Art, which he also extended in . Despite international acclaim, Mackintosh never achieved commercial success. He left Glasgow in , and between and he carried out work for the industrialist W. Bassett-Lowke, most notably at 78 Derngate, Northampton. After traveling through France in the mid s, Mackintosh died of cancer in London in .

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Actress Louise Brooks in , wearing bobbed hair under a cloche hat Paris set the fashion trends for Europe and North America. Women wore dresses all day, everyday. Day dresses had a drop waist, which was a belt around the low waist or hip and a skirt that hung anywhere from the ankle on up to the knee, never above. Daywear had sleeves long to mid-bicep and a skirt that was straight, pleated, hank hem, or tired. Hair was often bobbed, giving a boyish look. Although society matrons of a certain age continued to wear conservative dresses, the sportswear worn by forward-looking and younger women became the greatest change in post-war fashion. The flapper dress was functional and flattened the bust line rather than accentuating it. Women "bobbed", or cut, their hair short to fit under the popular hats, a radical move in the beginning, but standard by the end of the decade. Low-waisted dresses with fullness at the hemline allowed women to literally kick up their heels in new dances like the Charleston. In , "shift" type dresses with no waistline emerged. At the end of the decade, dresses were being worn with straight bodices and collars. Tucks at the bottom of the bodices were popular, as well as knife-pleated skirts with a hem approximately one inch below the knee. After World War I, popular art saw a slow transition from the lush, curvilinear abstractions of art nouveau decoration to the more mechanized, smooth, and geometric forms of art deco. Elsa Schiaparelli is one key Italian designer of this decade who was heavily influenced by the "beyond the real" art and incorporated it into her designs. Proper attire for women was enforced for morning, afternoon, and evening activities. In the early part of the decade, wealthy women were still expected to change from a morning to an afternoon dress. The cocktail dress was styled with a matching hat, gloves, and shoes. What was so unique about the cocktail dress was that it could be worn not just at cocktail hours 6 and 8pm , but by manipulating and styling the accessories correctly could be worn appropriately for any event from 3 pm to the late evening. Evening gowns were typically slightly longer than tea gowns, in satin or velvet, and embellished with beads, rhinestones, or fringe. This trending topic inspired a short story by F. During this era Vogue gave credit to this new cut for the immense success of the hat business. New haircuts meant new styled hats, therefore there was a new craze for hats. The cloche hat and the bob were basically made for each other. Jewelry was less conspicuous. The Art Nouveau movement of inspired most of the natural forms and geometric shapes of the jewelry during the s. A key influence of this modernism was the influential Bauhaus movement, with its philosophy of form following function. Contrasting textures and colour were also in fashion. Examples of changing tastes in design were the use of diamonds being set against onyx or translucent citrines and amethysts juxtaposed against opaque coral and jade. The long rope pearl neckless was a signature faux piece that was sold everywhere the time. It was inexpensive and basic in a womans wardrobe. Sharp, geometric patterns celebrated the machine age, while exotic creations inspired by the Near and Far East hinted that jewelry fashions were truly international. Now, shoes were seen by everyone and played an important part during the s. Women had all kinds of shoes for all kinds of events. Everything from house shoes, walking shoes, dancing shoes, sporting shoes, to swimming shoes. The shoe industry became an important industry that transformed the way we buy shoes today. Shoes were made in standard sizes perfect to order from fashion catalogs to the near boutique. In the beginning of the s, Mary Janes were still popular from previous era, although they paved the way for the invention of many other shoes. The T-strap heel was a variation of the Mary Jane, having the same base with the addition of a strap going around the heel and down to the top of the shoe that looked like a T. Also, "The bar shoe which fastened with a strap and a single button became popular during the s. It was worn with the new short skirts and was practical for their vigorous style of dancing. Scott Fitzgerald, was a phrase used to represent the mass popularity of jazz music during the s. Jazz gained much of its popularity due to its perceived exoticness, from its deep African roots to its melodic and soulful rhythm. The music itself had quite an alluring effect on the new youthful society and was considered to be the pulse of the s due to its spontaneity. With new music

emerged new dancing. Jazz dances, such as the Charleston , replaced the slow waltz. Paul Whitman popularized jazz dance. When dancers did the Charleston , the fast movement of the feet and swaying of the arms resembled the flapping movements of a bird. Dress and skirt hems became shorter in order to allow the body to move more easily. In addition, decorative embellishments on dresses such as fringe threads swung and jingled in sync with the movement of the body. Lastly, the use of glossy and ornate textiles mirrored light to the tempo of jazz music and dance. Jazz and its influence on fashion reached even further, with both jazz and dance motifs making their way onto textiles. These new textile designs included uneven repetitions and linear geometric patterns. Many textile patterns produced in the United States also incorporated images of both jazz bands and people dancing to jazz. The boyish figure[edit] Undergarments began to transform after World War I to conform to the ideals of a flatter chest and more boyish figure. The female figure was liberated from the restrictive corset, and newly popular the boyish look was achieved through the use of bust bodices. Some of the new pieces included chemises, thin camisoles, and cami-knickers, later shortened to panties or knickers. These were primarily made from rayon and came in soft, light colors in order to be worn under semi-transparent fabrics. During the mids, all-in-one lingerie became popular. A more masculine look became popular, including flattened breasts and hips, short hairstyles such as the bob cut, Eton crop , and the Marcel wave. The fashion was bohemian and forthcoming for its age. One of the first women to wear trousers, cut her hair, and reject the corset was Coco Chanel. Jean Patou , a new designer on the French scene, began making two-piece sweater and skirt outfits in luxurious wool jersey and had an instant hit for his morning dresses and sports suits. American women embraced the clothes of the designer as perfect for their increasingly active lifestyles. By the end of the s, Elsa Schiaparelli stepped onto the stage to represent a younger generation. She combined the idea of classic design from the Greeks and Romans with the modern imperative for freedom of movement. Schiaparelli wrote that the ancient Greeks "gave to their goddesses Departing from the chemise, her clothes returned to an awareness of the body beneath the evening gown.

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Bouffant coiffures gave way to short bobs , dresses with long trains gave way to above-the-knee pinafores. Corsets were abandoned and women borrowed their clothes from the male wardrobe and chose to dress like boys. Although, at first, many couturiers were reluctant to adopt the new androgynous style, they embraced them wholeheartedly from around 1915. A bustless, waistless silhouette emerged and aggressive dressing-down was mitigated by feather boas, embroidery, and showy accessories. The cloche hat was widely worn and sportswear became popular with both men and women during the decade, with designers like Jean Patou and Coco Chanel popularizing the sporty and athletic look. Jeanne Lanvin, who began her career in fashion as a milliner, made such beautiful outfits for her young daughter Marguerite that people started to ask for copies, and Lanvin was soon making dresses for their mothers. However, it was in the 1920s that she reached the peak of her popularity and success. The Lanvin style embraced the look of the time, with its skillful use of complex trimmings, dazzling embroideries, and beaded decorations in light, clear, floral colors that eventually became a Lanvin trademark. Her global approach to fashion foreshadowed the schemes that all the large contemporary fashion houses would later adopt in their efforts to diversify. The style of Jean Patou was never mainstream, but full of originality and characterized by a studied simplicity which was to win him fame, particularly in the American markets. Many of his garments, with their clean lines, geometric and Cubist motifs, and mixture of luxury and practicality, were designed to satisfy the new vogue for the outdoor life, and bore a remarkable similarity to modern sportswear. The most famous advocate of his style was Suzanne Lenglen , the legendary tennis champion. In menswear there was a growing mood of informality, among the Americans especially, which was mirrored in fashions that emphasized youthfulness and relaxation. Short suit jackets replaced the old long jackets of the past which were now only worn for formal occasions. Men had a variety of sport clothes available to them, including sweaters and short pants, commonly known as knickers. For evening wear a short tuxedo was more fashionable than the tail-coat, which was now seen as somewhat old-fashioned. The London cut, with its slim lines, loose-fitting sleeves, and padded shoulders, perfected by the English tailor Scholte, was very popular. Fair Isle patterns became very popular for both sexes. Heels, at the time, were often over two inches high and helped popularize the two-tone shoe its one of her trademarks. Many stars of the [silent film]s had a significant impact on fashion during the 1920s, including Louise Brooks , Gloria Swanson , and Colleen Moore. The lighthearted, forward-looking fashions of the 1920s gradually came to halt after the Wall Street Crash of 1929, and succumbed to a more conservative style. While the flapper look persisted into the 1930s, it quickly disappeared afterwards, although bell-shaped hats lasted through 1935. Overall, 1930s clothing was somber and modest, reflecting the difficult social and economic situation of the decade. The waistline was restored, hemlines dropped to nearly ankle-length, there was renewed appreciation of the bust, and backless evening gowns and soft, slim-fitting day dresses became popular. The female body was remodeled into a more neo-classical shape, and slim, toned, and athletic bodies came into vogue. The fashion for outdoor activities stimulated couturiers to manufacture what would today be referred to as "sportswear. Two of the most prominent and influential fashion designers of the 1930s were Elsa Schiaparelli and Madeleine Vionnet. With her exciting and inventive designs, Schiaparelli did not so much revolutionize fashion as shatter its foundations. The first pullover she displayed in her windows created a sensation: She consistently turned out notable collections thereafter. Madeleine Vionnet found her inspiration in ancient statues, creating timeless and beautiful gowns that would not look out of place on a Greek frieze. Mainbocher , the first American designer to live and work in Paris, was also influential, with his plain yet supremely elegant designs, often employing the bias cut pioneered by Vionnet. A new youth style emerged in the 1930s, changing the focus of fashion. In the West, the traditional divide between high society and the working class was challenged. In particular, a new young generation wanted to reap the benefits of a booming consumer society. Privilege became less blatantly advertised than in the past and differences were more glossed over. As the ancient European hierarchies were

overturned, the external marks of distinction faded. By the time the first rockets were launched into space, Europe was more than ready to adopt a quality ready-to-wear garment along American lines—something to occupy the middle ground between off-the-peg and couture. This need was all the more pressing because increases in overheads and raw material costs were beginning to relegate handmade fashion to the sidelines. Meanwhile, rapidly developing new technologies made it increasingly easy to manufacture an ever-improving, high-quality product. Faced with the threat of a factory-made, fashion-based product, Parisian fashion couture mounted its defenses, but to little effect. While the old world was taking its final bow, the changes in fashion were one of the most visible manifestations of the general shake-up in society. Before long, classes of women hitherto restricted to inferior substitutes to haute couture would enjoy a greatly enlarged freedom of choice. Dealing in far larger quantities, production cycles were longer than those of couture workshops, which meant that stylists planning their lines for the twice-yearly collections had to try to guess more than a year in advance what their customers would want. A new authority had taken over—that of the street, constituting a further threat to the dictatorship of couture. Several designers, including Mainbocher, permanently relocated to New York. In the enormous moral and intellectual re-education program undertaken by the French state, couture was not spared. Meanwhile, Germany was taking possession of over half of what France produced, including high fashion, and was considering relocating French haute couture to Berlin and Vienna. The archives of the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture were seized, including, most consequentially, the client list. The point of all this was to break up a monopoly that supposedly threatened the dominance of the Third Reich. Due to difficult times, hemlines crept upward in both evening wear and day wear, the latter of which was made using substitute materials whenever possible. From onward, no more than four meters thirteen feet of cloth was permitted to be used for a coat and a little over one meter three feet for a blouse. No belt could be over 3 centimetres one and a half inches wide. Despite this, haute couture did its best to keep its flag flying. Humor and frivolity became a popstar way of defying the occupying powers and couture survived. Although some have argued that the reason it endured was due to the patronage of the wives of wealthy Nazis, in actuality, records reveal that, aside from the usual wealthy Parisiennes, it was an eclectic mix of the wives of foreign ambassadors, clients from the black market, and miscellaneous other patrons of the salons among whom German women were but a minority that kept the doors shut open at fashion houses such as Jacques Fath , Maggy Rouff , Marcel Rochas, Jeanne Lafaurie, Nina Ricci , and Madeleine Vramant. Around the time of world war a huge percentage of the money was being spent on missions, gear for the soldiers and supplies that were needed to win the war. These demands left the fashion industry with little to no material for production. Housewives along with actual designers were left with the reusing of old fabric or creating new styles out of old garments. During the Occupation, the only true way for a woman to flaunt her extravagance or add color to a drab outfit was to wear a hat. In this period, hats were often made of scraps of material that would otherwise have been thrown away, including bits of paper and wood shavings. Bonnie Cashin transformed boots into a major fashion accessory, and, in , began the production of original and imaginative sportswear. Claire McCardell , Anne Klein , and Cashin formed a remarkable trio of women who laid the foundations of American sportswear , ensuring that ready-to-wear was not considered a mere second best, but an elegant and comfortable way for modern women to dress. In the War Years, the zoot suit and in France the zazou suit became popular among young men. Many actresses of the time, including Rita Hayworth , Katharine Hepburn , and Marlene Dietrich , had a significant impact on popular fashion. The couturier Christian Dior created a tidal wave with his first collection in February A whole society which, in the s and s, had greatly believed in progress, was now much more circumspect. Despite the fact that women had the right to vote, to work, and to drive their own cars, they chose to wear dresses made of opulent materials, with corseted waists and swirling skirts to mid-calf. As fashion looked to the past, haute couture experienced something of a revival and spawned a myriad of star designers who profited hugely from the rapid growth of the media. Throughout the s, although it would be for the last time, women around the world continued to submit to the trends of Parisian haute couture. However, it was not until the post-war years that the full scale of the inventiveness of this highly original designer became evident. In , he totally transformed the silhouette, broadening the shoulders and removing the waist. In , he designed the tunic dress, which later developed into the chemise dress of And

eventually, in , his work culminated in the Empire line, with high-waisted dresses and coats cut like kimonos. His mastery of fabric design and creation defied belief. Balenciaga is also notable as one of the few couturiers in fashion history who could use their own hands to design, cut, and sew the models which symbolized the height of his artistry. Hubert de Givenchy opened his first couture house in and created a sensation with his separates, which could be mixed and matched at will. Most renowned was his Bettina blouse made from shirting, which was named after his top model. Soon, boutiques were opened in Rome, Zurich , and Buenos Aires. A man of immense taste and discrimination, he was, perhaps more than any other designer of the period, an integral part of the world whose understated elegance he helped to define. Pierre Balmain opened his own salon in His sophisticated clientele was equally at home with luxurious elegance, simple tailoring, and a more natural look. Along with his haute couture work, the talented businessman pioneered a ready-to-wear range called Florilege and also launched a number of highly successful perfumes. Also notable is the return of Coco Chanel who detested the "New Look" to the fashion world. Following the closure of her salons in the war years, in , aged over seventy, she staged a comeback and on February 5 she presented a collection which contained a whole range of ideas that would be adopted and copied by women all over the world: Despite being a high fashion designer, American born Mainbocher also designed military and civilian service uniforms. In , he redesigned the Women Marines service uniform combining femininity with functionality. In the early s, many couture houses used the interest in "foundationwear" to launch their own lines, soon after many lingerie manufacturers began to build their own brands. In , Jane Russell wore the "Cantilever" bra that was scientifically designed by Howard Hughes to maximize a voluptuous look. The invention of Lycra originally called "Fibre K" in revolutionized the underwear industry and was quickly incorporated into every aspect of lingerie. After the war, the American look which consisted of broad shoulders, floral ties, straight-legged pants, and shirts with long pointed collars, often worn hanging out rather than tucked in became very popular among men in Europe. This look, originally aimed at the respectable young man about town, was translated into popular fashion as the Teddy boy style. The Italian look, popularized by Caraceni , Brioni , and Cifonelli, was taken up by an entire generation of elegant young lovers, on both sides of the Atlantic. The fedora and Homburg hat , as well as trench coats , disappeared from widespread use this trend had already begun some years earlier on the more informal West Coast of the US after having been standard parts of menswear since the s. The designers of Hollywood created a particular type of glamour for the stars of American film, and outfits worn by the likes of Marilyn Monroe , Lauren Bacall , or Grace Kelly were widely copied. Quantitatively speaking, a costume worn by an actress in a Hollywood movie would have a much bigger audience than the photograph of a dress designed by a couturier illustrated in a magazine read by no more than a few thousand people. Without even trying to keep track of all the Paris styles, its costume designers focused on their own version of classicism, which was meant to be timeless, flattering, and photogenic. Using apparently luxurious materials, such as sequins, chiffon, and fur, the clothes were very simply cut, often including some memorable detail, such as a low-cut back to a dress which was only revealed when the actress turned her back from the camera or some particularly stunning accessory. Knee-length dresses combined with pearl necklaces, which were made instantly popular by First Lady Mamie Eisenhower.

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European Textile Design in the s by Ingrid Mossinger, *St Adtische Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz* This richly illustrated catalog presents the remarkable inventory of 's European textiles in the collections of the *Textil und Kunstgewerbesammlung* in Germany.

Art Deco Textiles in America Part 1: Africana Prints and Non-Western Influences 7: This week, in Part 1 of a two-part series, learn about how the art of non-Western cultures influenced the explosion of American textile design in the s! Newark Museum, New Jersey. This print depicts African warriors standing behind shields. The search for a uniquely American style began during World War I. American textile designers had traditionally looked towards France for all things fashion, but with France embroiled in a war those European sources of inspiration were cut off. American designers thus began to look for a new, uniquely American aesthetic. Mayan", designed by Charles B. The Metropolitan Museum of Art , Photo by Katy Werlin. This textile pattern was inspired by ancient Mayan art. Fairchild and Albert Blum, treasurer of the United Piece Dye Works, Crawford began to explore new sources of inspiration for American textile designers. The goal was to end the dependence on French designs and create a new, American aesthetic. To that end, Crawford turned to the ethnographic collections in museums. He approached several museums who were thrilled at the idea of opening up their collections to textile designers for inspiration, and this movement produced a flood of textiles with designed inspired by the art of non-Western cultures. Crawford himself was particularly enamored with the "primitive art" of the New World, and many designers were inspired by artifacts from ancient South American cultures and Native Americans. Stela Fragment with Glyphs, made in Mexico by the Maya culture, 4th-9th century. Tunic, made in Peru by the Moche-Wari culture, 7th-9th century. Frog Pendant, made in Costa Rica by the Chiriqui culture, 11th century. The art of non-Western cultures was well suited to the Art Deco aesthetic popular in the s and s. The Art Deco style is a pared down aesthetic, featuring simple and clean lines with repeating shapes and gradations. Consider this highly graphic design style and compare it to the objects above. Although these all come from non-Western cultures and many are hundreds of years old, they could all easily fit in with early twentieth-century American aesthetic ideals. Textile patterns by Mallison and Co. The patterns are, from top, left to right: In March the American Silk Journal praised her innovation: She saw in this major fashion movement the beginning of the end in our habitual search for adequate dress design abroad. To Miss Traphagen, a slavish dependence upon Europe for dress and other design was the most senseless and intolerable condition in current American art. To her it seemed to be as undesirable. She believed that so long as we depend upon Europe for our art designs, art objects and the pictorial, plastic and manual arts, the great body of American artists would never attain the position in the world to which its impressive talents entitle it- have long ago entitled it. By the American Silk Journal even declared that African prints would bring in "a new era in American fashions. But it was in the late s and through the s that "Africana" prints would begin to filter through to textile design. Curated by Stewart Culin, the exhibition showcased art from the Bushongo tribe in what was then the Belgian Congo now the Democratic Republic of Congo. To help market the exhibition, Culin commissioned artists to create designs based on the artifacts on display. An advertisement for dresses at Bonwit Teller a department store made from Congo Cloth. The Africana trend continued throughout the decade and into the s. Ethel Traphagan had students design textiles inspired by artifacts she brought home from a trip to Africa in and C. Eagle Co chose some of the student designs for a line of printed silks called "Zanbraza. As can be seen by the continued use of the words barbaric, primitive, and savage, the Africana textile trend was heavily influenced by colonialism and racism. It is a prime example of cultural appropriation, with American designers taking artistic influences from the diverse cultures of Africa without awareness of the significance or context of the designs and their place in African culture. Many Africana textiles are based on racist generalizations and stereotypes and the titles of many of the designs accentuate this idea of Western i. The idea of cultural appropriation is new, but it can still be used to understand the past. While these textiles produced in the s were beautiful, it is extremely important to view them through the lens of Western imperialism. In the second and final post in this series, learn how textile

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designers took inspiration from modern life and the American experience to contribute to this new American aesthetic! Further Reading Hannel, Susan. The Journal of Cloth and Culture, Spring ,

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A publication of the Kunstsammlungen Chemnitz presented in this volume is the complete collection of textiles from the s comprised within the Textil - und Kunstgewerbesammlung Chemnitz (Chemnitz Textile and Handicrafts Collection), one of the largest.

The Whole Story, one of 20 books on textile design from around the world and different historical periods that come from our contributing designers, publishers, and booksellers. Here are books on woven, embroidered, printed, and digitally designed fabrics from Britain to Japan to the Islamic world. Pattern design flourished throughout the 20th century. From Art Nouveau at the end of the 19th century to computer-generated digital images at the turn of the Millennium, each new generation had their own distinctive approach to pattern design. Tracing the creative cross-fertilization between fashion and interiors, this invaluable book provides a chronological account of the development of pattern design. Highlighting the decisive trends that emerged in each decade, the book draws attention to the achievements of progressive manufacturers and groundbreaking designers, charting the emergence of a series of pattern design superpowers in various countries at different moments in time. From medical implants to spacesuits, advanced textiles have the potential to transform human habitats and transportation, protect the environment and support personal health and wellbeing. Advanced Textiles for Health and Wellbeing celebrates the latest technological advances in fibers and fabrics. The first part of the book looks at the materials themselves, including synthetic and hybrid fibers, new weaves and knits, three-dimensional materials, coatings, biotechnology and nanotechnology. The second part considers the design innovations that have been made possible in clothing, transport, and the natural and built environment. More than colour illustrations demonstrate the beauty and ingenuity of the latest advanced textiles and their exciting applications, which impact on all aspects of our lives. An authoritative glossary of technical terms and a list of suppliers complete this indispensable guide. This art from another time has its own story to tell. Some items are the humble workaday pieces for utility in the home, while others are priceless works of art. This book features over beautiful photographs of the work of famous designers including William Morris and Gustav Stickley. Fabric, Art, Fashion Valerie D. It shows the amazing creative abilities of professional and amateur designers over three centuries. International experts introduce each period and the textiles produced in it. Over the past fifty years, archaeological explorations in China have unearthed a wealth of textile materials, some dating as far back as five thousand years. In this magnificently researched and illustrated book, preeminent Western and Chinese scholars draw upon these spectacular discoveries to provide the most thorough account of the history of silk ever written. Encyclopedic in breadth, the volume presents a chronological history of silk from a variety of perspectives, including archaeological, technological, art historical, and aesthetic. The contributors explore the range of uses for silk, from the everyday to the sublime. Chen Juanjuan was senior research fellow, Palace Museum, Beijing. Li Wenying is deputy director, Xinjiang Institute of Archaeology. As technologies change and world economics influence the direction that fashion and textiles take, it is vital that both skills and our textile vocabulary should be kept alive. This encyclopaedia is a definitive reference guide to all the major types of fabric in circulation today, from abbot cloth to zibeline. In clear and engaging language, the author describes and illustrates more than of the most important examples, from classic tweeds to state-of-the-art nano fabrics. Each entry includes a brief definition, informative notes on structure, and a list of uses. Each entry is carefully cross-referenced, and the book includes an extensive glossary and bibliography. Janet Wilson is an associate lecturer at the London College of Fashion. She has worked as a textile designer and continues to design fabrics on a freelance basis. Beginning in the 16th century, the golden age of European navigation created a vigorous textile trade, and a breathtaking variety of textile designs subsequently spread across the globe. Trade textiles blended the traditional designs, skills, and tastes of their cultures of origin, with new techniques learned through global exchange, creating beautiful new works that are also historically fascinating. Interwoven Globe is the first book to analyze these textiles within the larger history of trade and design. Richly illustrated texts explore the interrelationship of textiles, commerce, and taste from the age of discovery to the 19th century, including a

detailed discussion of illuminating works. From the elaborate dyed and painted cotton goods of India to the sumptuous silks of Japan, China, Turkey, and Iran, the paths of influence are traced westward to Europe and the Americas. Essential to this exchange was the trade in highly valued natural dyes and dye products, underscoring the influence of global exploration on the aesthetics and production techniques of textiles, and the resulting fashion for the "exotic. Katsuji Wakisaka, a Japanese textile designer, started his career as the first Japanese designer to work for Marimekko, the Finnish textile company, in 1952. Surrounded by the beautiful nature of Finland, he developed an aesthetic for organic shapes and bold colors. These days, Wakisaka starts his day with a walk and takes inspiration from the landscape of his hometown, Kyoto. After returning to his studio, he paints everything from seasonal changes in nature to traditional Japanese patterns. Many of his textile designs for SOUSOU begin as postcards, which serve as initial drafts for his designs, and he mails each one to his wife. He is prolific that he has made more than 10,000 postcards until now. Behind-the-scene stories of how he is active in his SOUSOU brand, his interview, and his episodes for his designs are also included. This is a title for designers, textile lovers, and those who are interested in Finnish and modern Japanese designs. Even those who do not know Wakisaka will enjoy and be inspired by the book.

In 1932, Hans Knoll founded a company in New York that soon earned a reputation for its progressive line of furniture. Florence Schust joined the firm and helped establish its interior design division, the Knoll Planning Unit. In 1933, the year after their marriage, Hans and Florence Knoll added a third division, Knoll Textiles, which brought textile production in line with a modern sensibility that used color and texture as primary design elements. In the early years, the company hired leading proponents of modern design as well as young, untried designers to create textile patterns. The division thrived in the late 1930s through the 1950s and, in the following decade, adopted a more international outlook as design direction shifted to Europe. In the late 1950s and 1960s, Knoll tapped fashion designers and architects to bolster its brand. With essays by experts, biographies of about eighty designers, and images of textiles, drawings, furniture, and ephemera, *Knoll Textiles* is the first comprehensive study devoted to a leading contributor to modern textile design. Highlighting the individuals and ideas that helped shape Knoll Textiles over the years, this book brings the Knoll brand and the role of textiles in the history of design to the forefront of public attention. First known as a supplier of theatrical textiles to Broadway and beyond, Maharam pioneered the concept of engineered textiles for interior applications in the 1950s. The studio takes a holistic view of design, embracing a range of disciplines that include architecture and interior design, furniture, fashion, accessories, and graphic and digital means. Founded in 1952 by visionary textile designer Armi Ratia and her husband, Viljo, the Marimekko Corporation in Finland not only sparked a revolution in pattern making but also pioneered a new definition of fashion that embraced the entire home environment. This book presents more than one hundred examples of the exuberant Marimekko fashions and home furnishings that gave the company a definitive presence on the world design stage. This book explains the fundamentals of printed textile design, from design brief through to the completed collection, and introduces the basics of color, drawing, composition, and repeat with a series of step-by-step exercises and examples. *Printed Textile Design* helps to demystify the design process and provides an invaluable guide to the study and practice of textile design. The book includes case studies of designers working in both the fashion and interiors sectors. It covers hand and traditional print techniques and the latest digital print technologies, with specially commissioned photographs of the processes. All aspects of textile design are covered, from sustainability to manufacturing and marketing the finished product. This book surveys the astonishing array of textiles made, worn, used and displayed throughout the Islamic world, from the glorious fabrics of the past to those still being produced today. Region-by-region coverage offers concise details of local history, particular textile traditions, materials, dyes, special forms of decoration and information on current practice. Also explored is the fascinating fusion promoted by the merchants, missionaries, migrants and conquerors who travelled the world promulgating Islam and trading textiles widely. The variety on display is stunning, from hemp to sumptuous velvets and silks; from quilting, felting, beading and knitting to block-printing, tie-dyeing and hand-weaving. Specially taken colour photographs, portraits of weavers and dyers in action, and rare historical material complete a remarkable visual panorama. Together with a glossary, bibliography and guide to textile collections around the world, this comprehensive survey provides a wealth of information and will be

invaluable to anyone interested in the rich art of textiles, costume or craft. There are few aspects of our lives in which fabrics do not play a part and the author reminds us powerfully of the significance of fabrics throughout human history. Her expertise is enriched by her own hands-on experience: As a curator she has studied thousands of textiles. Here are topics such as the universality of textiles in human language and experience; their social role in bonding families and communities; the importance of textiles in world trade; their spiritual and sacred aspects; and the work of artists using textiles as their medium. A dazzling array of illustrations includes paintings and photographs of both historic and contemporary textiles and a broad collection of textiles being created, worn, and lived with. Technologized textiles and sustainable fabrics are among the most innovative designed today, and together they are driving the rest of the industry dramatically forward. Many designers are now integrating hi-tech fabrics, such as protective and impact-resistant textiles, or cellulose fabrics, with groundbreaking results. Embracing new processes such as biomimicry, they bridge the gap between art, design, technology, and sustainability more than any other material. Each will be presented through inspirational text and striking visual spreads to include design sketches, work-in-progress photographs, and digital drawings alongside images of cutting-edge furniture, interior textiles, and fashion. This book shows how the development of fabrics today is immersed in technology, sustainability, and innovation. It is an essential resource for anyone interested in contemporary textile design. This book is a pioneering study of Japanese ornamental textiles made for the foreign market during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Yet since then they have been largely forgotten. This book, which will appeal to textile enthusiasts and those interested in Japanese art and Japonisme alike, celebrates these remarkable and undervalued textiles. It discusses their production techniques, iconography, patronage, and trade and demonstrates how Kyoto craftsmen created a modern art form by adapting their traditional skills to Western tastes. The book accompanies an exhibition of the same name opening at the Ashmolean Museum on 9 November

Woven Textile Design offers a comprehensive introduction to weaving for all those wishing to design and produce a wide range of fabrics from scratch. Starting with the basics of woven textile design, the book looks at how to draw up and interpret records and notation, before explaining how different types of cloth are constructed. From the most basic of plain weaves, through twill weaves, textured weaves such as seersucker, crepe, and corded cloths to more complicated designs created with extra threads woven in, a wide range of patterns are covered. Illustrated throughout with diagrams, weaving plans, and beautiful examples from contemporary designers, the book also includes tips on using different yarns and colors to create stunning and unique designs. Offering clear, practical advice, this book will show you how to interpret your initial concepts and develop your ideas on the loom.

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Popova did not join the Working Group of Constructivists when it was set up in Moscow in March , but by the end of the year, her statements make it clear that she had embraced the constructivist ethos. Towards the end of she wrote: The era that humanity has entered is an era of industrial development and therefore the organisation of artistic elements must be applied to the design of the material elements of everyday life, i. What Popova omitted from her text is the word constructivism. It was conceived as a mass theatrical event, employing a cast of thousands, but it was unfortunately cancelled. At the time of her statement in December , Popova was working with Meierkhoid in his theatrical studio. Subsequently, she designed the set and costumes for his production of *The Magnanimous Cuckold*, which opened in April Here she produced a constructivist set in which the mill of the drama was transformed into an acting machine and the costumes into working overalls. The following year she produced the designs for *The Earth in Turmoil*. Throughout this period, Popova was teaching the discipline of colour on the Basic Course at the Moscow Vkhutemas Higher Artistic and Technical Workshops â€” *Vysshie khudozhestvenno-tekhicheskie masterskie*. In Popova argued that there should be a production workshop at the school, specifically devoted to creating concrete links with industry. For the time being young artist-producers must try their strength wherever they can. He had stressed the desperate need for good designs in revitalising this aspect of textile manufacture and had gone so far as to suggest that artists should be actively encouraged to participate in the work of the factories. Yet the two women were clearly aware of the problems that would be encountered in an industry where the role of the artist was firmly established and the nature of the task was essentially one of embellishment and decoration, amounting effectively to applied art. In order to counteract this pitfall and to clarify their own position, the two women submitted a memo to the factory management, which expressed their desire to be involved in all the organisational and technical aspects of the entire manufacturing and marketing processes. They said they wanted: At the same time we may also contribute designs for store windows. Although the precise date that Popova and Stepanova started working at the factory is not known, it was probably in the autumn of She was incredibly prolific. A contemporary cartoon by Stepanova illustrates this impressive productivity by showing Popova taking a whole wheelbarrow full of designs to the factory, while Stepanova modestly takes a few in her handbag. To strive towards organically fusing the artist with [actual] production. To eliminate the old attitude towards the consumer. To bring the consumer into the active fight for rational cloth and clothing. In designing textiles, she was back to working in two dimensions and on a much smaller scale. Earlier, in , she had acquired some experience of working at this scale with cloth and texture when she had made embroidery designs for a group of peasant embroiderers in the Ukrainian village of Verbovka.

7: Introduction to 20th-Century Fashion - Victoria and Albert Museum

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The styles, designs and materials of other times and cultures became more accessible to designers at first hand as improved travel and communications enabled continents to be crossed with ease. With developments in photographic and printing techniques, they were also able to glean ideas from secondary sources such as lavishly illustrated books, magazines and journals. From the s European designers needed only to look around them to see a rich variety of clothing from all corners of the world. Early 20th century Of the early years of the 20th century it is the clothes designed by Paul Poiret and Mariano Fortuny that reveal the richest evidence of historical and multicultural sources. Paul Poiret was much influenced by the art and design of the Middle East and India. For his Thousand and Second Night fancy dress ball of , Poiret dressed his wife in a wired lampshade tunic over harem trousers. Sorbet, a skirt and tunic, Paul Poiret, The form of jacket worn with it was said by Fortuny to be suggested by the kimono. When laid out flat the jacket is rectangular in shape; the side seams stop short of the shoulders to create the arm holes. It is made from silk velvet, widely considered to be the most noble of Renaissance fabrics. The small naturalistic design, printed with metallic pigments, was also inspired by 16th-century Italian textiles. During the early s, couture houses embellished evening dresses with embroidered and beaded decoration in Chinese style or like that in Russian peasant tradition. In direct contrast, fashion in the s saw a move towards a more feminine silhouette, with bias-cut clothes in smooth fabrics emphasizing the natural contours of the body. The late s and the Second World War The late s witnessed a move away from this body-skimming line in favour of historically inspired corsetted dresses with crinolines and bustles for evening wear. Marocain is a heavy crepe fabric. Evening dress, Edward Molyneux, These clothes, produced within the Utility scheme in Britain and under L85 regulations in America, do not reveal any marked historical or cross-cultural influences. Although a minority of women considered it anachronistic, the New Look was a resounding success among the war-weary population, for whom it evoked the stability of a previous era and embodied hopes for a better future. The promotion of an exaggeratedly feminine figure was in keeping with the prevalent view that women should give up the paid employment they had undertaken as part of the war effort and return to the home. This was to become the source for Teddy boy street styles. However, in spite of the use of new materials and space age imagery, the short shift shape of womenswear dominant at this time can be traced back to the s. The surface patterning of this period also had historical sources: By the late s optimism turned to concern as rising inflation, unemployment and environmental issues came to the fore. In the luxurious world of high fashion Bill Gibb became famous for his clothes embellished with applique and embroidered designs. A full-skirted dress with matching turban reflects the mood for clothing with a gentle ethnic influence. It is made of patchworked cotton fabrics designed by Susan Collier and Sarah Campbell for Liberty and has applied leather thongs and streamers. After the hard imagery of late s punk, Vivienne Westwood created her nostalgic, neo-romantic Pirate Collection. The pirate outfit, consisting of tunic top and sash, waistcoat, jacket and trousers with bicorne two-cornered hat and heavy boots from draws on a variety of historical and cultural sources. For example, the long slits in the arms of the jacket refer to the 16th- and 17th-century fashion for slashed fabric. The fine pleating is reminiscent of Fortuny. However, the choice of fabric a hi-tech polyester and linen mix which is baked in an oven to set the pleats means that the garment forms angular, sculptural shapes on the body, rather than clinging to it as the Fortuny does. The lack of concern with revealing the body and the simplicity of the basic shape - when laid out flat the dress forms a rectangle - are evidence of East Asian traditions. Pirate outfit, Vivienne Westwood, In the s fashion design became increasingly diverse. A Paul Smith suit mixed flamboyant patchwork fabrics from Afghanistan with s tailoring, while a Helen Storey ensemble revealed modern street and sportswear influences mixed with ethnic-inspired embroidered decoration. It used modern stretchy Lycra fabrics as well as leather.

8: Liubov Popova: From Painting to Textile Design – Tate Papers | Tate

Textiles in the s. Modern textile manufacturing has its root in the Industrial Revolution, which took place between the mid-18th to mid-19th century. www.enganchecubano.com Industrial Revolution actually began in.

Gebelein Silversmiths American, Boston, c. 1850s. George Christian Gebelein American, b. Germany, c. 1850s, designer. Rose Iron Works, Inc. Guggenheim, 1926; Designed by Seraphin Soudbinine French, b. Russia c. 1850s; Executed by Jean Dunand French, b. Ball Collection Textile, Americana Print: Rhapsody, ; Designed by John Held Jr. Horace Dodge American, c. 1920s. But if high energy defined the era, so did its tension—the wild nightlife scene met with Prohibition; a rapid rise in American innovation conflicted with a longing for European tradition; great prosperity gave way to the Great Depression. The friction of all these contradictions shaped the century that followed—in popular design perhaps more than in any other area of American life. The show, which runs through August 20 at the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum in New York City and is co-organized with the Cleveland Museum of Art, spotlights this significant era when American taste and lifestyle underwent a transformation. To navigate such a huge subject, the show is organized over two floors into broad themes that help illustrate the major design trends and tensions shaping the era. What questions do they pose? And as we began to refine our ideas we refined our objects. This was a time when Americans embraced French and English designs of the 17th and 18th centuries, seeking out handcrafted antiques to elevate their social status. Even as the world was rapidly changing, original works in American colonial designs as well as those from 17th- and 18th-century France and England still conveyed social status. But novel European styles also were impacting American styles. Events such as the International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts held in Paris helped expose and educate Americans about the new designs making their debut across the Atlantic. Museums throughout the U.S. Following the destructive years of the First World War, this flourishing decade marked a rebirth of aesthetic innovation that was cultivated to a great extent by American talent and patronage. Solomon Guggenheim commissioned the doors—each featuring an angel atop a skyscraper blowing a horn. It was an early foray into art purchasing and curation that would soon grow their first modern art acquisition would happen a year later. This carefree lifestyle was also something of a European import. The European influence came not only from a greater ease and interest in travel, as more Americans visited and studied abroad, but also from the cascading effects of the First World War. Many designers had fled to the U.S. The influence extended to the materials these Europeans used as well. The adaptation of the form in a variety of materials shows how industrialization shaped the era. It was originally designed to be flat-packed and mass produced, but was remade into wood and leather and adopted by Walt Disney studios for its screening rooms.

9: Spiral Textile – Ancient Textiles – Modern Hands

In the early twentieth century America had grown a strong industrial business but it had no design aesthetic it could truly call its own. That would all change in the 1920s when American textile design came into its own, reflecting an exciting new era of modernism in the country.

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