

Lucky Ensemble

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The purpose of this design was two-fold: to create a contemporary Korean ensemble inspired by the traditional Korean costume, Hanbok and to reveal the transition from tradition (complexity) to contemporary (simplicity). In order to invoke the traditional theme, textile design using lucky pouch motifs with colorful gradients was incorporated into digital printing. This design has cultural significance in that a lucky pouch is a traditional method for Koreans to wish others good luck.



Photos of a lucky pouch was first taken and used as motifs to create an ethnic pattern. The pattern was digitally printed on cotton/silk blend fabric. This fabric was used for the main part of the strapless bodice and the Dongui modified as a lower garment from a type of upper garment originally for women, which was first worn for ceremonial occasions during the Joseon Dynasty (“Dongui”, n.d.). The full circle skirt was created and attached to the bodice to complete the silhouette of the dress. In addition to the main dress, there was a front-open-short-vest made out of organza and was complemented by a handmade head cap made from satin with heavy weight interfacing to present a sophisticated look to the contemporary Korean ensemble.

A combination of draping and flat pattern making was used to create the dress, vest, and head accessory. The digitally printed fabric of the strapless bodice and Dangui was a cotton/silk blend; the full circle skirt attached to the bodice was satin; the front-open-short-vest was organza; and the full lining of the dress was polyester.



The creation of textile design using ethnic motifs by CAD and digital printing can enhance the aesthetic value of a garment, especially when introducing new ideas and designs for ensembles like this one. This method of transitioning from tradition to contemporary clothing can assist ethnic groups in finding clothing styles and designs that are comfortable, convenient and sophisticated while honoring their cultural heritage.



Reference

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