

2024 HSC TEXTILES MAJOR PROJECT

Designer Statement

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Title

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Focus Area

Apparel

This elegant garment emerged from unique yet modern interpretations of my historical, cultural and contemporary inspiration areas. It consists of a strapless corset bodice, embellished by hand applique, and embroidered flowers and vines, along with an elegant slim maxi skirt with a centre-back vent.

Designed using high quality, luxurious silks, the garment is highly functional, yet decorative due to the extremely delicate and intricate work within the applique and embroidery. The 100% Princess silk satin was used for the outer fabric giving it a lustrous appeal, allowing emphasis on the flowers and vines.

The garment was constructed using a basic corset and skirt block. There were multiple changes to both patterns as well as the creation of my own patterns to elevate the final outcome of the garment.

Princess silk tussah was used for the flower petals and amazon silk dupion was used for the leaves. It took me many sketches and experiments to create the patterns for my flower petals and leaves. Elegant embroidery and applique was implemented throughout the entirety of the garment. The embroidery designs consisted in the flower petals, flower buds and the stems of the vines, all completed with a stem stitch.