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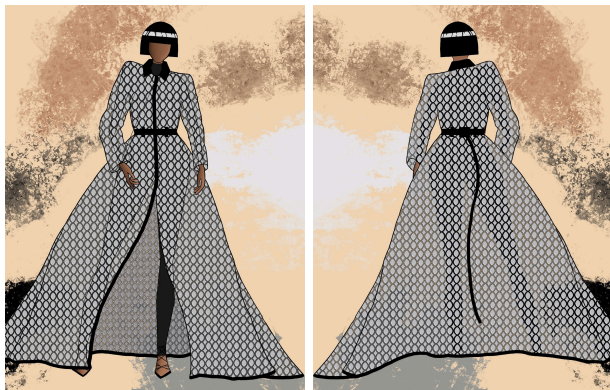
In our design, we redesigned the trench coat completely changing materials, silhouette length, and changed it in almost every aspect to reintroduce these metals into the fashion atmosphere. I first began by making the material itself transparent, a trend that is upcoming on its own but I needed to hold the shape of the garment while still being protective and having less drape than the cotton twill. The plastic gives an openness about the dress which is a big concept when using modern metals. The metals themselves are thin pieces of stainless steel that are caught between the plastic of the dress popping the outside and the inside of the coat. This trench takes inspiration from Virgil Abloh’s recent Louis Vuitton collaboration as she lengths the trench coat to drape to the floor and drag like a dress. This combined with the various chain mail dresses seen in fashion runways like in Salvatore Ferragamo Fall/ Winter 2021-2022 it inspired me to give the same beautiful drapery that metals can create.

The colors used are blacks, grays, and whites colors that are timeless, and to make a trend a long-time fashion statement we must make a timeless fashion style like a trench coat into a timeless garment. Using grays from the metallics that shimmer with a black tinted transparent

plastic and black catsuit and black tie-up heels it not only puts an exclamation point on the dress but it creates a mysterious and somber aura around it capturing the hardships that we may face this year covered with the shiny metals we're using to cover up the fear and sadness of being locked away from our loved ones.

The materials that would be used to make this dress would be stainless steel metal pieces. This is a more expensive and delicate piece but would scream to Millennials trying to look back and be nostalgic with the fashion. Polyurethane for the tinted plastic which is environmentally harmless will not damage any of the soil or animals even if the product is created by fossil fuels. Patent leather for the heels can be a more expensive commodity but is not far from what most millennials can afford in this day. One of the major political problems with the kind of garb meant today is what it does to the environment. These materials specifically polyurethane is made from fossil fuels which means that the damage caused to the environment is still there regardless if the end product is harmful to the environment if the process damages the earth it is all the same. It's a step in the right direction from using plastics but it doesn't solve the overall issue that fashion damages the earth and is a strong idea to move forward in fashion by

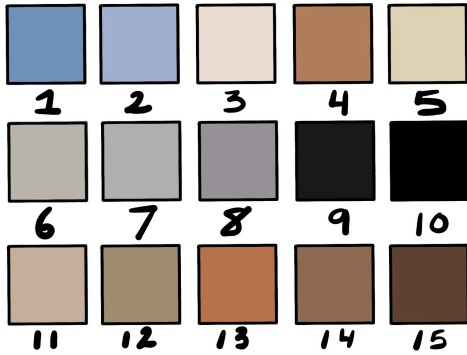
### **Metallic Draped Trench Coat**



## **Proposed Silhouette**

The silhouette that we forecast in our designs for this project vary on different inspirations. The first translucent/transparent trench coat doesn't change much from the silhouette of our standard trench coat with single breasted design and large collar it gives a simple redesigned look for this upcoming 2023. This translucent trench can be described as an A line as it doesn't bother with the traditional belt and lets the material hold the trench up on its own, giving it a straight shape. The cropped and extra long sleeve trench coat or as we like to call it the mini trench takes from designs from Rick Owens Fall/Winter collection that shows jackets with asymmetrical sleeves, extra long sleeves and cropped silhouettes along with inspirations in Fendi, Acne Studios and many other companies that have been developing these styles this past year. This gives a broad arm and cropped silhouette that is almost reminiscent of women workers during WW2. The third and final silhouette is a more drastic one as using metals is only worth on such a drastic piece with an almost ballgown silhouette taking inspiration for Virgil Abloh's men collection and Dior's Oblique Trench Coat combined with modern metals to create it's entirely own new kind of Trench Coat one that can be durable yet elegant and shimmering into 2023.

## Color Palette & Color Names



### Color Names

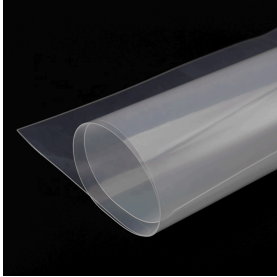
1. Corpse Bride
2. Blues Clues
3. Pearl Blush
4. Soybean Brown
5. Shih Tzu Beige
6. Dust Bowl Grey
7. Slate
8. Concrete
9. Umbra
10. Somber Black
11. Pink Sand
12. Coffee
13. Sahara Sands
14. Teddy Brown
15. Tiramisu

The color palette that we chose for our fashion forecast of 2023 can be summarized as a neutral earth color that encompasses blue, browns, grays, blacks and everything in between. These colors can be seen all over the fashion runway not only in today's runway but these colors seem to always make an appearance in these runways as they are timeless. This reoccurrence points towards these colors to keep appearing on the runway. Some of the color forecasters already call the colors of 2022 to be Brave Earth, Warm Earth, Gloucester Sage, and Warm Neutrals as a whole are already appearing to be the next color in line. In 2023 we believe that these colors will only gain traction and a stronger presence. This trickle down theory has reached everyday consumers as neutral colors started to come more mainstream as Kanye West's Yeezy line focuses on these neutral colors, and Travis Scott with the release of his iconic Brown Air Jordan One has made neutral and warm earth tones become more accepted. This palette is constructed based off the timeless colors of trench coats and inspirations from brands like Dior, Burberry, Rick Owens, Louis Vuitton, and many others that have all transformed trench coats in their own way this year while using earth colors and monochromatic designs to bring life to a iconic piece of wardrobe.

## Fabric Swatches

### 1. Transparent Trench Coat

Polyurethane Swatch (Trench Coat)



Wool Swatch (Sweatshirt)



Tweed Swatch



Suede Swatch



## 2. Cropped and Extra Long Sleeve Trench Coat

Cotton Twill Swatch (Trench Coat)



Lycra (Catsuit)

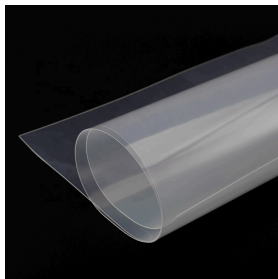


Metallic Leather (Heels)



## 3. Metallic Draped Trench Coat

Polyurethane Swatch (Trench Coat)



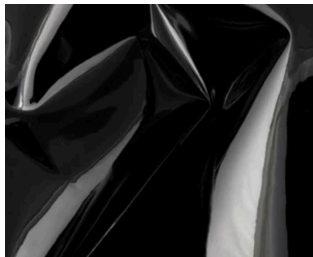
Stainless Steel (Trench Coat)



Lycra (Catsuit)



Patent Leather (Heels)



The fabric swatches of this year take on what's already been used during 2021-2022 runways and modify it to give the designs new life. One of the most radical changes to the Trench Coat to keep it fresh and new is changing the material it is constructed from and changing it from cotton twill to Polyurethane which takes inspiration from Dior's Oblique Trench Coat which uses Polyurethane to be more eco-friendly and to give a translucent appearance while keeping it heavy and protective as trench coats were first functionally intended to be. The Cropped extra long sleeve trench coat design does change the material but keeps it true to the



original textiles while not being as long or protective this trench coat changed to be more of an accessory to the monochromatic outfit and give some flare and drape to the simple and body tight suit. The metallic Trench Coat gives us a completely new design with textiles like stainless steel and polyurethane combining two trends into one. This gives this long coat a completely new design showing off the draping capabilities that metallics have in more than just chain mail dresses but in being a centerpiece to a more protective fashion design like a trench coat. These designs along with the Lycra, Tweed, leathers and all the other materials give a new new light to what is already being established in 2021 to continue to shine the light on the rebirth and birth of many of these materials to become trendy fashion clothing in today's fashion atmosphere.

## Conclusion

Trench coats themselves are a big trend that is never going to die out. We have made a statement to add to the existing trench coat. Including Transparent vinyl, Cropped long-sleeved, and metallic. Trench coats go as far back as the 1800s with their main purpose to be worn by the men in the military, specifically the upper-class leaders. Later on, it was improved by designers such as John Emary with his brand Aquascutum. Thomas Burberry improved the garment by creating a textile finish known as “ gabardine” fabric ( 1879). This was done by having the strands of fibers be weatherproofed individually instead of as a whole. After the war men kept wearing their trench coats as everyday outerwear. In the 1940s the coat became less worn in the military due to it being romanticized by Hollywood cinema. Influencers made a big impact on the popularity of the coat during those times as well for both men and women. Today, the trench coat is worn by everyone and everywhere ranging from different prices and looks, being a staple piece in everyone's wardrobe.

We have come together to design new trends in a garment that has already been made. Making this already made garment into something more exciting. We have predicted new trends involving transparent coats, cropped and metallic trench coats. Something you don't really see every day. Our first design is a simple one: a trench coat that is typically made of cotton twill and in all our minds is a beige color that is now completely transparent. Again, something you do not see every day but it does make a statement. In our next design, We decided to focus on the trench coat, a timeless piece that has a part in almost every fashion week. This powerful statement is known for being long and was originally meant to be protective but going against the standard

view of a trench coat I turned to today's lifestyle fashion and turned the trench coat into a cropped and extra-long sleeve.

With our last design, the metallic trend seems to go against what was stated earlier that the world is focused on comfort but that isn't necessarily true. Metals can be comfortable. Small chainmail in a dress may not be the most comfortable to lie in but can definitely be a freeing experience. These have been seen all over the fashion runways and seem to have only been introduced early on. This has time to develop to see more use of modern metals to come in future fashions, reviving a new way to redo our metallic trend from the past. Overall, our main goal is to make a statement with new trends in the future with a garment that is never going to die out in the industry.

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