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Elements of Design in Fashion Show Critique

Vaquera Spring 2021

Vaquera a fresh new brand that never ceases to showcase their unique take on the pieces of clothing they tend to design each season. Unlike any other brand out now they are truly focusing on establishing their image and their brand identity, which without a doubt they seem to be doing well in. Vaquera is truly unique in their own sense, in which they pride themselves in standing out and being far from traditional. The designers Patrice Dicaprio, Clair Sullivan, and Bryn Taubensee have made it clear that they draw inspiration from the unordinary with the specification now on gender neutrality as well. As we dive into their Spring 2021 collection, we take a look at their undoubtedly interesting take on spring wear, and we begin to see how unique they can truly be. Starting off with their first six looks, which offers a balance of denim and some white tops, the denim over shirt and skirt are what really tend to stand out. We see a sense of unity as well because of how well the pieces were coordinated in order to create the balance of subtle wear with essential wear. As we see in all these looks the denim seems to be the main component but each look has its own story to tell, the oversized component within the white button up shirt in look 4, gives us a subtle take on a traditional button up formal shirt, which then falls on a pair of regular fit denim pants paired with white heels, something that tends to be out of the ordinary. Following the next 9 looks, these looks start to truly show the color coordination within each look. As we take a look in the first dress in look 7 presented to us we see the oversized aspect in a beautifully white dress that has a crumbled up texture on the arms and on the bottom of the dress we see the hems as well in crumbled up manner, paired along with the most unique head piece that shows us a unique take that matches the whole outfit itself. Following with the next few looks we tend to see more color coordination happening as well as some contrast within an array

of colors that share a good look in order to highlight certain pieces. Following some all black outfits we tend to see the meaning of gender neutrality come into play as we see in outfit 10 placed on an individual who is wearing an all-black gown with a brassier over it. This outfit also tends to stand out due to the fishnets the individual is wearing with heels. The heels however show a rough texture with the base color being white and it seems to be paired with a marble effect. In the next few pieces we tend to see an interesting take on your traditional dress button up shirt as they are made to be oversized in. The shirts tend to follow a unique shape, following looks 13 and 14, we see a male wearing a short sleeve button up in look 13 that has a wider arm fit and the length of the shirt tends to extend past the waste. The shirt itself follows a light blue color scheme with white and it also seems to have a jabot on both sides which gives the shirt some personality. Following the shirt we see the male model wearing a black skirt and white heels again characterizing the gender neutrality side of the collection. Since in look 14 we see a very close similar approach as look 13, we definitely see the same color coordination being followed as well as the same balance approach. In this look now we get a female model with the same shirt only now this one is long sleeved and it is actually paired with black leggings with a puffed up finish at the bottom of the leggings, the shirt the model is wearing is also now being paired with a brassier on top and overlapping we see an oversized bow that seems to be connected with the button up shirt. In the next following looks things begin to get interesting, as we see more of a take on different color coordination. Some outfits that tend to stand out are those that offer a pop of color as we begin to see a pattern of light pinks being mixed in and some hot pink as well as some purple. These outfits tend to still follow the white or black color base, meaning that in certain outfits there is a color garment added but either the pants or top remain white or black. This collection truly brings out the essence of standing out and being different, the collection offers a different take on how certain garments can be modified and worn no matter your gender. The collection nonetheless offers a beautiful set of options to wear from the oversized dress shirts to the gender neutral garments, this is a well-coordinated collection that emphasizes on more than

just the garments themselves, it offers a look into what can be done regardless of the response, it offers a true purpose and meaning and a louder message, that it's okay to be out of the ordinary and different. Vaquera offered this to us in this collection, showing us that sometimes it's okay to be different and show your true self, regardless of the response. Amazing display of garments that was put together in the best possible way, visually appealing and left with eagerness to see what else they have in store.

Citation

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