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Coco Chanel was a successful French designer. As a designer, she thought fashion for modern women everywhere should look, act, and dress from her lifestyle. Based on her idea, she changed fashion industry using her own slim boyish figure, and cropped hair. Her figure (herself) was ideal and very suitable for her dress and clothing whatever she made. Also, she was not only the ideal figure for her clothing, but also based on her idea and her figure (herself), she achieved three significant contributions in the fashion industry; jersey fabric, the little black dress, and tweed designs.

Clothing with jersey fabric she made was unusual; jersey was used for men's sportswear in general, but because of her financial issues, she used jersey fabric for her works and it was very suitable for her works because her dress and other clothing using jersey were very simple and practical.

In general, at that time, evening dress with black color was unusual because black color was used for day time dress, but Chanel made black color dress called "the little black dress" for both of day and evening dress and it was successful.

After Chanel came back in 1953, she made and showed reworked classic looks which were tweed designs that became a symbol status for a new generation. Tweed was designed with gold buttons, patch pockets, and sewn into the hem.



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It's not my most favorite one, but I like this clothing because it looks very feminine, practical, simple and colorful. As her symbol dress is the little black dress among the public, many people think Coco Chanel with the little black dress or tweed designs. But, I'd like to show she also made many colorful clothing like this garment. In addition, this clothing is not just simple and practical, but it's very feminine with details in cuff and neck and line of the jacket. Also, as she worked well with accessories for her garments, this is one of typical examples for working with accessories. Here, she used a black colored hat as an accessory for the garment and they were very well-matched. For these reasons, I selected this object.

