

Miu Miu SS18 Collection

Miu Miu's SS18 collection playfully mediates between androgynous and feminine; presenting unapologetically bashful colours paired with strong prints and layered, contrasting textures. The consistent interweaving of different styles, materials and textures conjures up the feeling of being a teenager again, exploring new styles and navigating between identities. Except Miu Miu's teen is one that resists conforming to any set clique. Indeed Miu Miu's SS18 collection channelled a sense rebellious adolescence, boldly embracing clashing styles and revelling in their purposefully and wonderfully mismatched nature.

The clashing and layering of textures didn't just stop at the clothes; the show's setting followed suit with its combination of plastic and brick elements. Plastic coloured screens hung from the walls, manipulating the natural light and casting a pastel haze over the catwalk. Guests perched either on plastic white chairs or multi-layered brick seating blocks, permitting different views to the catwalk below. Perhaps it's no mistake that the staggered seating levels imitated the look and feel of high school bleachers – in tune with the collection's ode to teenagehood and its occupation with rebellion and experimentation.



Miu Miu's SS18 show kicked off with granddad knits and boxy silhouettes; oversized blazers and tailored trousers were teamed with bright socks and sandals. Softening the loose fitted tailored looks, were subtle but significant details adding a touch of femininity - from bows on the lapel to school-girl esque like headbands. As the show progressed, layers of leather, plaid and lace were contrasted with bold and pastel colours. Tailored trousers gave way to ankle length, prom style dresses reminiscent of the 50's.



Bold pairings such as dark red-black leather, combined with pale pastel lace featured, presenting a dramatic interplay of tones. Sharp contrasts in textures served to emphasize and accentuate - with socks sporting bold block colours peaking out from underneath pale lace and sheer layers, making their presence known.



Diversity saturated this collection's aesthetic on many levels - Mui Mui's SS18 collection presented a bricolage of diverse styles, personalities and tones. This could be seen as an ode to breaking through those norms that govern our self-conscious teenage years. So what if you want to team a granddad knit with bright socks and lace? Miu Miu's collection boldly asserts this message – you can be the nerd in school, wear your grandads knitwear and still rock heels. Miuccia Prada sure isn't afraid to deviate from convention, and her SS18 collection certainly proves just that.