



Models present creations by Kenzo during the men Spring summer 2017 collection fashion show.

**Five top trends at Paris men's fashion week**

With Paris men's fashion week coming to a climax over the weekend, we pick out five of the main trends so far on the spring-summer catwalks:

**Gorilla sleeves**

They may give their wearer something of the look of Lurch from "The Addams Family", but nothing is more on trend at the moment than sleeves that dangle to the knees. Super-long "gorilla sleeves" now have global reach after making early Paris appearances in shows by Raf Simons and Demna Gvasalia's hugely influential

Vetements brand over the past year. While Gvasalia resisted his own trope in his show for Balenciaga Wednesday, there were no shortage of others following in his oversized wake.

Very long sleeves were prominent in Los Angeles avant-gardist Rick Owens' show and the Korean label Juun.j went almost Mr Gadget length in its hoodies Friday, adding trailing cords to make them look even longer. Are they practical? Certainly not. But are they likely to filter down to stroppy teenager street fashion. You bet.

**Djellabas**

Maybe it's because it is Ramadan, or more likely there is some other sort of strange kismet at work. Whatever the reason, it's hard to ignore to all the clothes with something of an Islamic air. While we're still a long way from a male equivalent of "modest fashion", Lemaire alone featured four djellabas-including one which would not look out of place on an imam. Designer Christophe Lemaire insisted he had not consciously set out to create specific Muslim-influenced style, but was just "picking up influences from people I live around in Paris". Another trendy Paris label OAMC had a rethought djellaba raincoat as well as a lighter tunic shirt. And the Japanese brand Issey Miyake got in on the act with sublime tunics and blanket shawls inspired by a trip designer Yusuke Takahashi took to India.

**Boiler suits**

Workwear has been in for some time and now the humble boiler suit has got its day in the sun. The one-piece overall was thoroughly deconstructed and reassembled by Andrea Crews into a whole wardrobe, from biker suit to dungarees, while Comme des Garçons protege Junya Watanabe nattily matched them with Panama and pork pie hats. Lemaire added a topical twist, with one-pieces resembling the battle-dress of peshmerga Kurdish fighters, the heroes of the fight against the Islamic State group.

**Tartan**

Maybe not in Brigadoon proportions, but tartan-used sparingly-is a recurring theme across several collections for spring-summer 2017. Louis Vuitton and Japanese labels Kolor and Facetasm made striking use of it in their shows, while OAMC went "Trainspotting" meets the Edinburgh Tattoo with check Crombie-style coats and trousers.

**Boys will be girls**

Unisex and androgynous looks have been the big men's meta-trend for some time. This week we have seen both men and women modeling men's clothes as well as boys in miniskirts (Maison Margiela) and in ever so effete pastels (Pigalle). The never less than wonderful Walter Van Beirendonck dressed his models in gorgeous trailing ribbons, inspired by English Morris men folk dancers. Juun.j's models trailed cords in their wake as they walked down the runway and at least one of the big houses showing over the weekend has apparently had the same idea. — AFP



Models present creations by Balmain, during the men's Spring/Summer 2017 collection fashion show.

The festive season at ICONIC embodies major trends this season. For men who like subtlety and make a simple yet classic statement, the Urban Adventurer theme is what you are looking for. With earthy hues like warm beige, sand, chocolate and cool tones of navy and indigo for that pop of color. A touch of extravagance can be seen in pieces inspired by equestrian art pieces to heritage paisley prints. Get this look with carousel print shirts, jacquard joggers and outerwear. The Victorious trend is flamboyant and regal with Zardozi embroidered regal badges on tees and polos to cotton tuxedo shirts and luxurious jackets.

The iconic women can choose from an array of trends this festive season. First up is the 60's Mod trend, classic and chic. Modern silhouettes with an edgy appeal covers details like stones, floral prints with a monochrome color palette on long dresses, jumpsuits and skirts.

Ornamental opulence as the name suggests is a collection imbibing the glamour of the 70's with embellishments and statement pieces. Details like embroidery on mesh, rhinestones, sequins can be seen on floor length dresses and tops. The Enchanting garden trend takes its inspiration from the 50's bring into the forefront sophistication and feminine silhouettes. Use of 3D florals in pastel shades bring out the cheerfulness of the collection which features key pieces like A-line dresses, pants and tops. For a sportier, casual element to you look this festive season, the Sports Grandeur trend provides an easy edge to your look with the right amount of street appeal incorporating the fun sporty elements. The silhouettes are modern with pieces featuring chemical lace, nylon

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chord applique embroidery and sequins.

To bring to action the Studio 54 vibe, high shine, soft metallic will do the trick. This trend is glittery and feminine and the pieces adds the right amount of glamour for your Iftar or suhour evenings. Get this look with pleat-

ed dresses, fitted top with chain and eyelet detailing and gold metal trims.

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