

Temperley LONDON

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Sometimes a woman dresses to meet the requirements of an occasion. Other times, she reaches for her most dazzling pieces to live up to her own mood. For Temperley London's Spring '23 collection, that mood is one of celebration – of anything-goes spontaneity and maximalist display in all manner of jewel-like settings. Revelry sets the tone for a range animated by the romance of antiquity and bygone eras.

'These are clothes to celebrate in,' says Alice Temperley MBE. 'The collection is elevated, confident and polished. Which is excellent, because people are ready to dress up again and feel fabulous.'

The collection brings inspiration from the past into a modern context. A century after The New Woman asserted her independence, Temperley looks back to icons of empowerment and creativity. Photographers Lee Miller, Ilse Bing and Madame D'Ora were among the trailblazers who documented their changing worlds, in turn capturing a new perspective in fashion imagery and creating a visual narrative of women's lives like never before.

For Spring '23, the idea of these storytellers meets Temperley's Bohemian spirit. Suzani embroideries, mirrorball sequins, romantic lace and sharp tailoring all have roles to play. The colour palette reflects the unrestrained but elegant mood, with powerful reds, elegant monochromes and energising contrasts and clashes in the prints and knits. The key print, layering dramatically oversized tulips over a world map, further nods to travel in ancient times.

One locus of ancient travel was the Silk Road. Alice followed her curiosity to this meeting point between East and West, the original melting pot for new ideas and innovations. Research into Central Asian decorative techniques gave rise to the **Suzani** story: a set of dresses deploying a form of embroidery steeped in tradition and symbolism. Historically, Suzani pieces were embroidered by women and handed down from mother to daughter; now they decorate dresses for milestone events and memorable parties alike, in designs featuring incredible linear sequins traced around the edges with bugle beads.

Also made for celebration are the **Cassia** dresses, featuring heavy-cut recycled sequins stitched next to each other to create a disco-ball effect. And any client who already appreciates the structure and sharpness of her **Clove** suits will find more to love in new seasonal colourways: shocking pink and deep sapphire. Tailoring fans will rejoice at the new **Oakley** suit, too. Featuring a long tuxedo jacket and smart wide-leg trousers, it offers a beautiful new take on the evening suit.

Fittingly for a season of reunion and revelry, there's a strong occasionwear focus. Whether a woman desires a full-length sequin gown or a dance-'til-dawn minidress, she'll find it, either in the main line or in the **Heritage Collection** of best-loved pieces. Clients looking for uniqueness of a higher order can find it in the Archive Room at the World of Temperley in Somerset. 'These are beautiful dresses that should last forever,' Alice says. And which will always feel as magical as the first night they're worn.

SUMMER



"In his blue gardens men and girls came and went like moths among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars." –F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

"Ceremonial dress, the solemn and the sacred, a revelry that entails its own ceremonies, gathering and fusing the day and the night. Our summer collection deepens our exploration of the roots of occasion dressing and our interest, the celebration of romance, storytelling and antiquities of a bygone era. I love the colours, our bold floral dress suits, the cowrie shell prints, our soft dog tooth tailoring and knits and with this collection I am already excited for next summer." Alice Temperley MBE

By looking back at pioneering artists, Photographers Lee Miller, Ilse Bing and Madame D'Ora who chronicled their changing worlds expressing new perspectives in visual narratives of women's lives for a new era. For Summer '23, we have mixed the elements of our summer inspirations with a free Bohemian spirit. Suzani embroideries inspire our layered floral embroideries for both evening and day cottons pieces, showcased to greatest effect in a set of future-heirloom dresses and one timeless full-length kimono.

Hammered satin layered 'dress suits' with large bold hand painted prints combining vintage maps and flowers. Shell prints in particular the Cowrie, a favourite of Alice's, create super chic summer separates in some of our best-selling shapes that you can also layer up in many ways. The cowrie shell is thought to bring good luck and historically traded as a form of currency giving a nod to Bing and Miller's solarized photographs.

Our summer suiting in a soft woven and delicate dog tooth is Safari-style and our funky knitted suits with bold stripes are sure to be best sellers with references to past best sellers reinvented. Sequins are re imagined, soft fille coups and a mixture of beautiful textiles create a collection we are super proud of.

The colour palette amplifies the mood, with serene blues, punchy saffron, elegant monochromes and energising bold contrasts in the prints and knits.

Celebratory and wearable.

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