Applying Spring/Summer 2024 Fashion Trends to Modest Tween Fashion

Honors Thesis

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Research Question and Topics

- How can projected trends for Spring/Summer 2024 be incorporated into modest, age-appropriate clothing for teenage girls?
 - Current cultural influences on fashion.
 - The problem of immodesty
 - Current fashion trends
 - Needs and opinions of the target audience

Cultural Influences on Fashion

- Alternative lifestyles
 - Homosexuality
 - Transgender
- Feminism, sexual revolution
 - Less regard for family
 - Marriage "oppressive," "isolating"
 - All about self



Changes in Modesty

- Femininity, modesty \rightarrow comfort, sexual appeal
- Pre-1900s: long skirts, modesty
- 1920s: short skirts, makeup, boxy silhouette
- 1930s: backless evening gowns
- 1950s: femininity & refinement, teenage market, bikini invented
- 1960s & 70s: sexual revolution, miniskirts, tight pants, punk
- 1980s & 90s: men's streetwear, revealing swimwear, visible underwear, "girlie feminism"
- 2000s & 2010s: skinny jeans, low-rise, crop tops, tight dresses, cutouts

Problem of Immodesty

- Prevalence of Immodesty
 - Intentional effort to reveal
 - Suggestive, adult details in children's clothing
- Dangers of Immodesty
 - Intellectual ability, competency
 - Impression: considerate? sincere? self-respect?
 - Adolescents: unhealthy self-image, poor judgment
 - Against God's design: sexuality and marriage

Consumer Trends

- Heritage crafts, traditional wisdom, human connection
- Personal expression, futuristic shapes, questioning everything
- Colors: bright and expressive or neutral and grounding
- Textures: Tulle, sheers, knit and crochet
- Silhouettes: gathered skirts, columns, cutouts, bra tops or braless

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Runway Inspiration





- Rationale
 - Understand target audience's needs and opinions
 - Daughters pick out, request, and wear garments
 - Parents pay for garments and provide guidance
- Participants
 - Christian/churchgoing families with middle-school daughters who value modesty
 - 5 girls ages 12 through 14
 - 6 parents of girls interviewed



- Virtual and in-person interviews about views on modesty, preferred garments, and shopping concerns
- Interview results:
 - Modesty linked to honoring God, concealing parts of the body, ageappropriateness, and situation-appropriateness
 - Dislike for crop-tops, short skirts/shorts, cutouts, low necklines, tight fits, and styles viewed as "too mature"
 - Desire for longer hemlines, more color, variety of styles, and modest dresses
 - Daughters' personal style was important to parents

Final Collection

PANTONE ¹ 17-2235 TCX	Sangria Sunset
PANTONE ⁺ 19-2041 TCX	Cherries Jubilee
PANTONE ¹ 16-4427 TCX	Horizon Blue
PANTONE ' 12-0712 TCX	Vanilla
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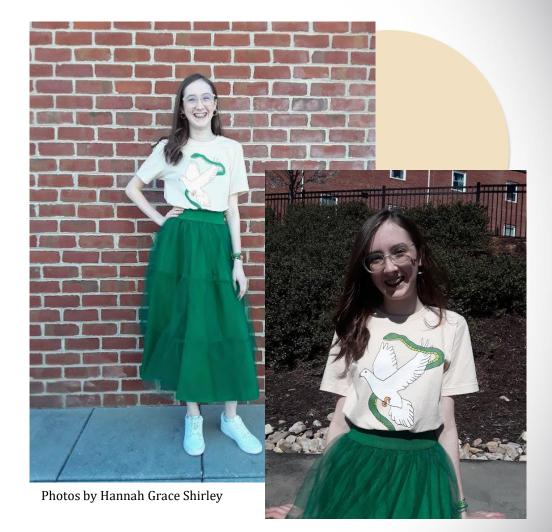


Sketches created by Hannah Grace Shirley

Gentle and Wise

Sophie Osterbind

- Search for tradition
- Traditions of Scripture
- Matthew 10:16
- Neutral colors
- Gathered tulle skirt
- sheer effect with full coverage



Divine Curiosity

Trinity Vickers

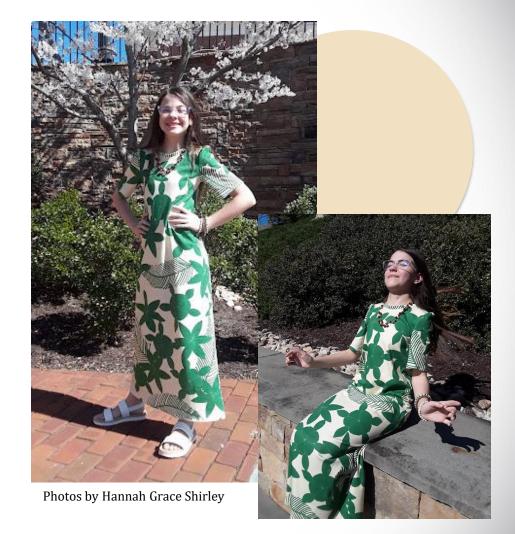
- Expressive colors
- Pockets = exploration
- Curiosity about God's world
- Handmade shrug
- Lacy crochet texture



His Green Earth

Katie Love

- Columnar silhouette
- Large print
- Unique, colorful, personality
- Love for nature
- Spiritual meaning
- Holy Spirit, resurrection, victory over sin





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