
For many fashion designers fabric is the starting point for the creation of the collection. Appreciating the technical properties of the cloth can offer the designer an assortment of possibilities; fabrics can be selected for their appropriate weight, texture, drape and handle. However, the choice of fabrication can also assist in the management of textile waste. Designers can choose from a wide variety of materials that will function appropriately and also meet sustainable criteria.

Romance Was Born will often choose to use reclaimed fabrics for their fashion pieces, which will provide a wearer with a uniquely individual garment. The Sydney-based fashion label, founded by Anna Plunkett and Luke Sales, are revered for their use of unusual and eclectic materials, handcraft techniques and eccentric, playful styling. *The Garden of Eden* collection, worked in collaboration with Del Kathryn Barton, included craft techniques and patchwork fabrics, over-the-top embellishment and found objects.

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