

A River Designed

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The purpose of designing this garment was to express the architectural, and abstract art pieces I was lucky enough to experience in my recent trip to Quebec, Canada. Quebec is a mecca for art, culture and all things unique. Murals, sculptures, street performers, words, and even graffiti crowd the great cities and streets, making the view of the scenery a very exciting and intriguing experience. This look is designed for an adventurous, spontaneous, and creative woman who is never afraid to take chances. She often attends art exhibitions, museum galas, and loves going to the theater. The world is her blank canvas, which she paints constantly!

A free flowing river constrained by structural surroundings inspired this piece. The Dupioni creates a very structured foundation to the dress, with a soft, gathered, printed chiffon skirt. The A-symmetrical collar on the front and back offer an interesting perspective of a traditional collared garment. The pleats create an interesting cowl on the skirt, representative to waves, or currents in a stream.

Apparel Draping methods were used to create this garment. The asymmetrical design was created with Dupioni and fused with hymo, with a free flowing long skirt. The fused dupioni was very structured, and easy to work with to create the distinctive cowls. The chiffon was also fused to the hymo for the collar piece.

The materials use for the dress included 100% Polyester Dupioni, 100% Polyester Chiffon, 100% Polyester Satin, and Fusible Hymo. The dress was completed in December 2012. The measurements for the dress are: Bust: 33”
Waist: 28” Hips: 37”



