

Nudescape

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The purpose of this design is to create a visual tease and spark conversation about the relationship between clothes and nudity. The garment is embellished in the most iconic expression of femininity: the female nude. These nudes are wearing only jeweled breasts and braided, beaded hair. At the same time, almost paradoxically, it covers up the nudity of the women who wears it. The slight looseness of the garment hangs just over the body, hinting at the silhouette of the female wearer. This is juxtaposed with the starkly black-outlined silhouette of the embellished nudes.

Salvador Dali's paintings, "Female Bather" and "Hand Drawing Back the Golden Fleece..." were researched and became the inspiration. From afar, the black outline creates an organic, abstract shape that first attracts the viewers' focus. As it is viewed nearer, the unfamiliar form disappears into the familiar image of beautiful lounging nudes. This provides another layer to its purpose as visual tease.

This design provides an example of the exploration of embroidery and embellishment textile design outside of their common uses like floral motifs, or geometric shapes, and lines. The fabrics are 100% polyester. All embroidery threads are 100% cotton, in satin, running, chain, and other decorative stitches. All beads are glass, in seed sizes and a few are diamond-shaped.