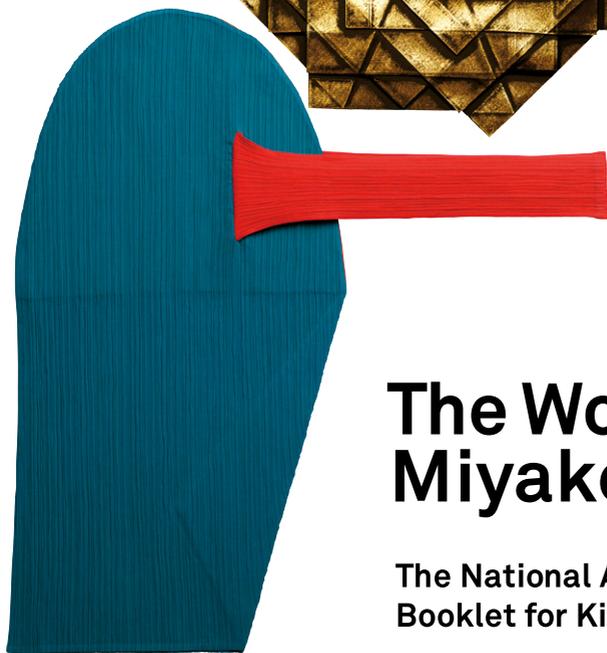


# MIYAKE ISSEY 展

EXHIBITION



## The Work of Miyake Issey

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# Who is Miyake Issey?

Miyake Issey is someone who makes things.

He says,

“I want to make clothes like T-shirts and jeans that many people can wear with ease.”

He is a designer who makes clothes with unique and new methods so that they fit human bodies and the way they move, and our everyday lives.

# What is Design?

Design means coming up with ideas that helps people to use things easily and feel happy.

Almost everything around us is designed by someone.

# Designing Clothes

Miyake Issey thinks making clothes is the act of designing.

He starts with the materials needed to make the fabric.

He uses the things he has learned about traditional crafts, as well as about helping to take care of the Earth.

This is how exciting clothes are made.

# Clothes like Skin

The pictures printed on the cloth look like they are actually drawn onto someone.

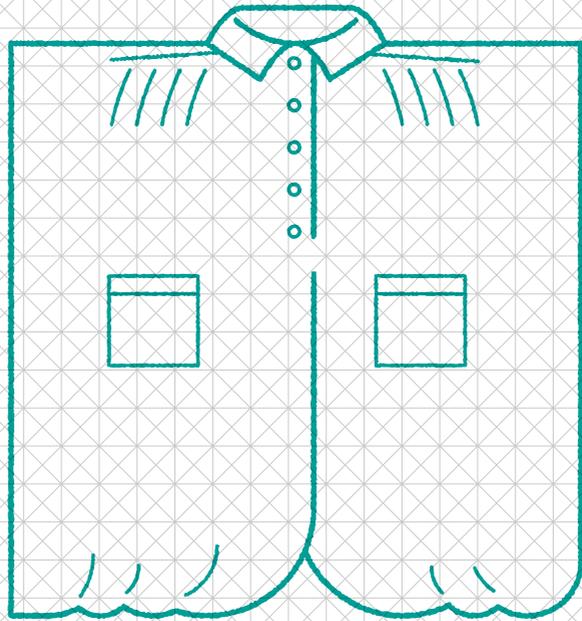
This cloth fits the body perfectly, like wearing another layer of skin.

Whose faces are drawn on the back of the clothes?  
 Legendary rock music stars  
 Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin!  
 Did Miyake Issey listen to their music?



# Designing from a Piece of Cloth

This piece of clothing has sleeves and legs,  
and it is much bigger than the width of a real body.



When you spread it out,  
the shape is almost square.

And when you wear it,  
the fit is very loose.

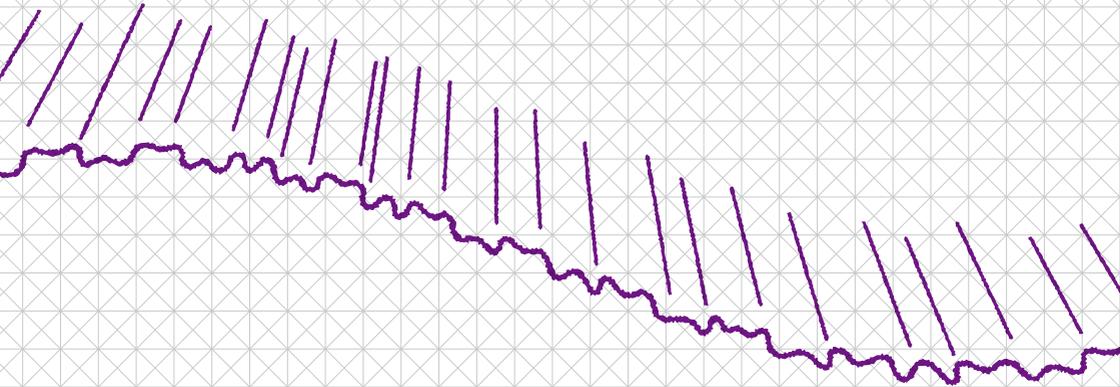


Almost  
no fabric is  
wasted in  
making this cloth!  
All of  
the materials are  
used as much  
as possible.

# The Secret of Pleats!

Please look closely to these clothes!

There are many thin pleats!



For the wearer to move easily,  
the spaces in between the pleats are stretched.  
The pleats are folded one after the other.  
Even the ancient Greeks wore pleated clothes.  
This method has existed for a long time.

When making Miyake Issey's new pleats,  
clothes are well creased after being sewn.  
The clothes can retain their shape for a long time,  
and many different designs can also be made.



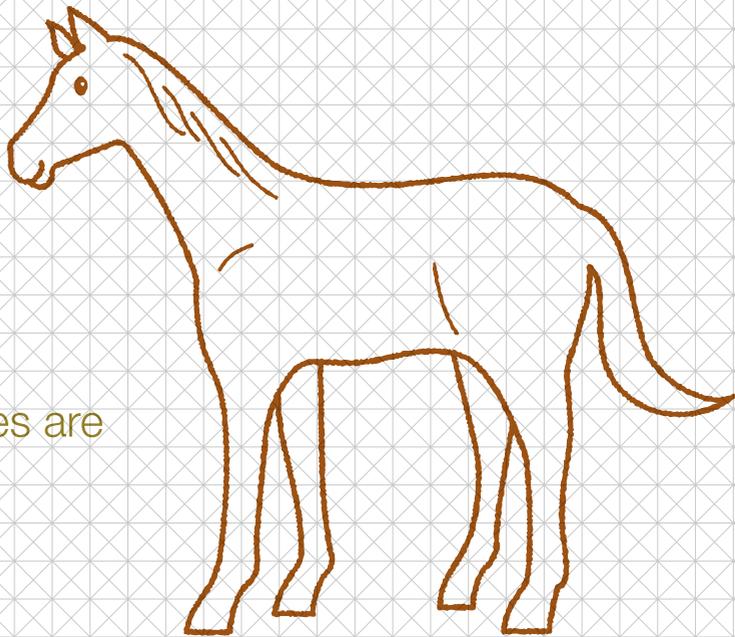
In this gallery,  
you can see the machine  
that makes pleats!  
Watch the secret of  
making pleats.

# Designing New Clothes using Traditional Materials

To make clothes, Miyake Issey researches materials very carefully.

He works together with craftsmen to create the fabrics, first.

Miyake Issey thinks that any material can be turned into clothes.



These clothes are  
made out of  
horsehair.

Since a long time ago,  
horsehair has been used inside the  
collar of a tailored jacket to tighten it.



**When folded,  
it appears square and flat.  
But once you put it on,  
it looks like this!**

A piece of cloth is made into clothing.

It becomes both flat

and three-dimensional by folding.

When you lift it up by the shoulder strap,  
you can see the shape straightaway.

This fabric is made from a kind of recycled polyester  
that is often used for plastic bottles.

The design needs lots of ideas.

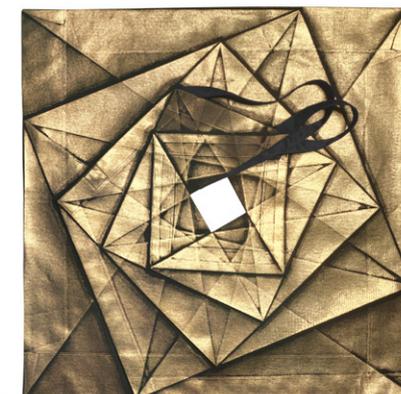
For example, gold foil is applied to recycled fabric.

Let's take care of our Earth.

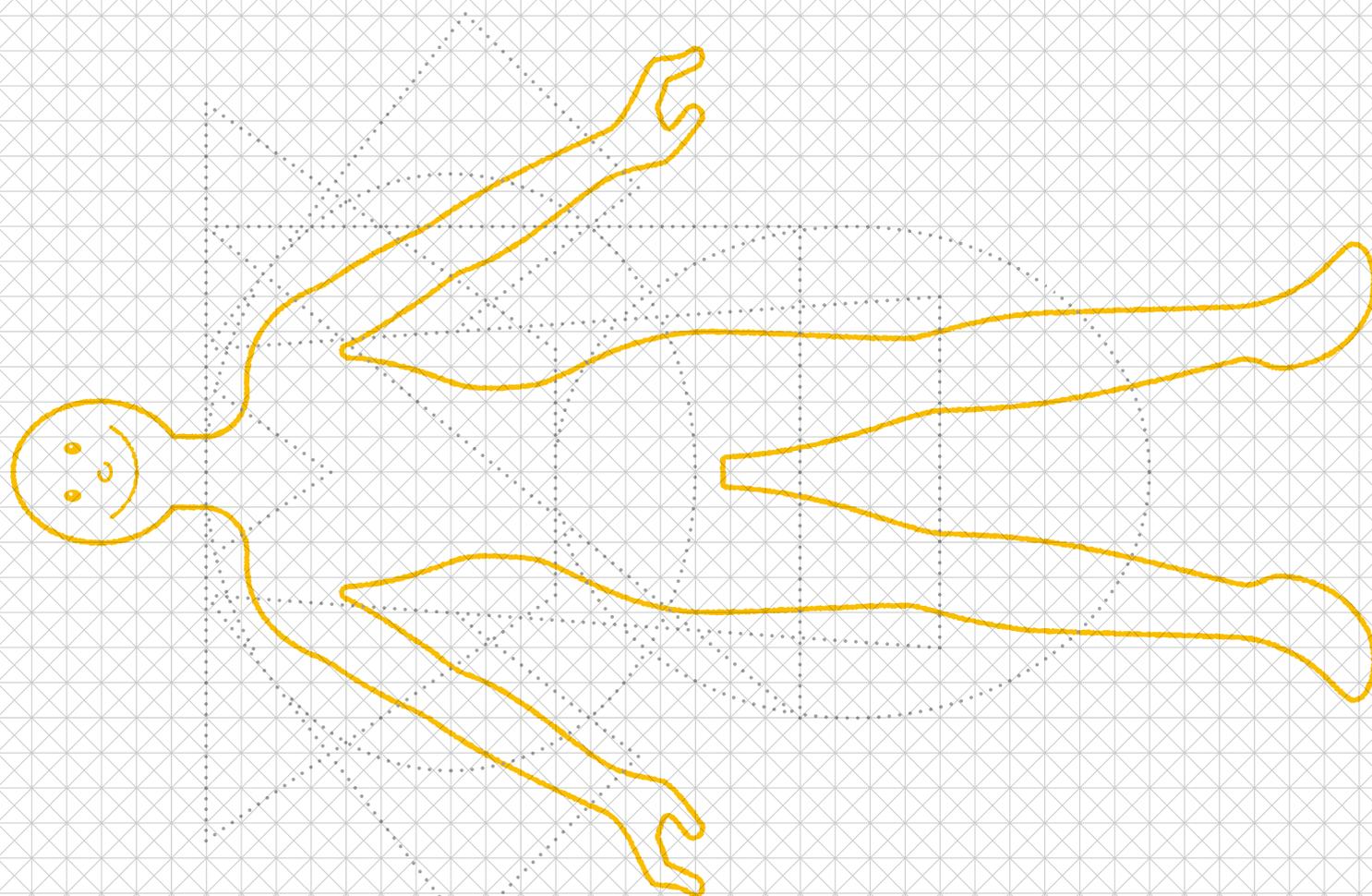
That is one of the messages of the design team.



Someone  
who thinks  
how to fold the clothes,  
and someone  
who creates new fabrics  
that uses recycled materials.  
The clothes are  
made through teamwork!

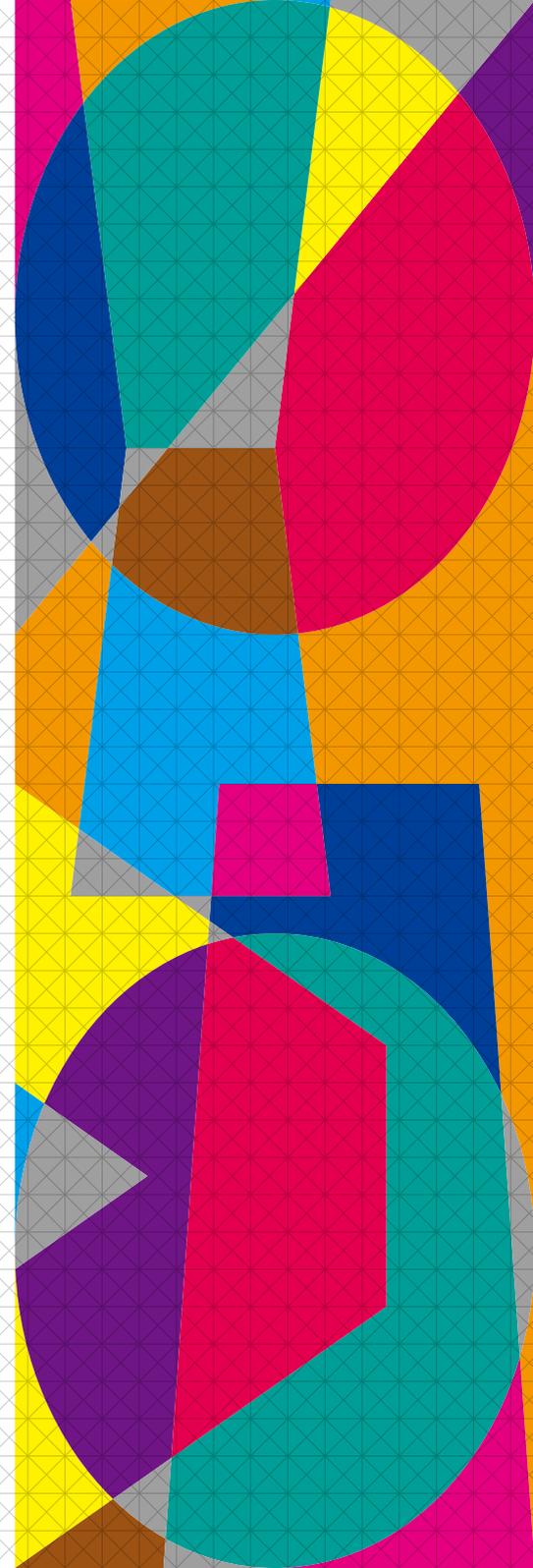


# What kind of clothes do you want to design?



 Let's trace the lines  
and put clothes on the person.

Cut and paste the patterns. 



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