

THE DEFINING DETAILS

Ever wondered at the differences between all those cuffs, collars and clasps? Read on.

Bow or knot? Frill or Ruffle? Even designers are divided on how best to define their decorative features. So in the interest of wardrobe-shaping clarity, and a little technical accuracy, we've rounded up the key details seen this season in the quick-fire glossary below. Go forth and adorn yourself.



PHILOSOPHY DI LORENZO SERAFINI Bi-Colour Frill Polo Neck Jumper

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RUFFLES

WHAT A strip of gathered or pleated fabric, often arranged in tiers.

WEAR Wider than a frill, they're still running through the collections but with a distinctly '80s flavour now and some surprising placements.

BRANDS Preen by Thornton Bregazzi, Isa Arfen, Victoria by Victoria Beckham, Philosophy di Lorenzo Serafini

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COURREGES Khaki Suede Mini Skirt

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ZIPS

WHAT A fastening with teeth that opens or closes when the sliding piece is pulled.

WEAR Whether functional or purely ornamental, the usually silver hardware is synonymous with sportswear and injects ultra-feminine fits with an athletic edge.

BRANDS 3.1 Phillip Lim, Courrèges, Varley

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BOWS

WHAT A knot with two loops and two exposed ends.

WEAR Girly and nostalgic no matter what size or how they're tied, find them affixed to boyish shoes and sculpturally trimming collars and hems.

BRANDS Victoria Victoria Beckham, Pokemaoko, Anna K, Joshua Sanders, No.21

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ANNA K Navy Tartan Bow Long Sleeved Top & Check Bow Skirt

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NO.21 Bordeaux Fringed Tina Sneakers

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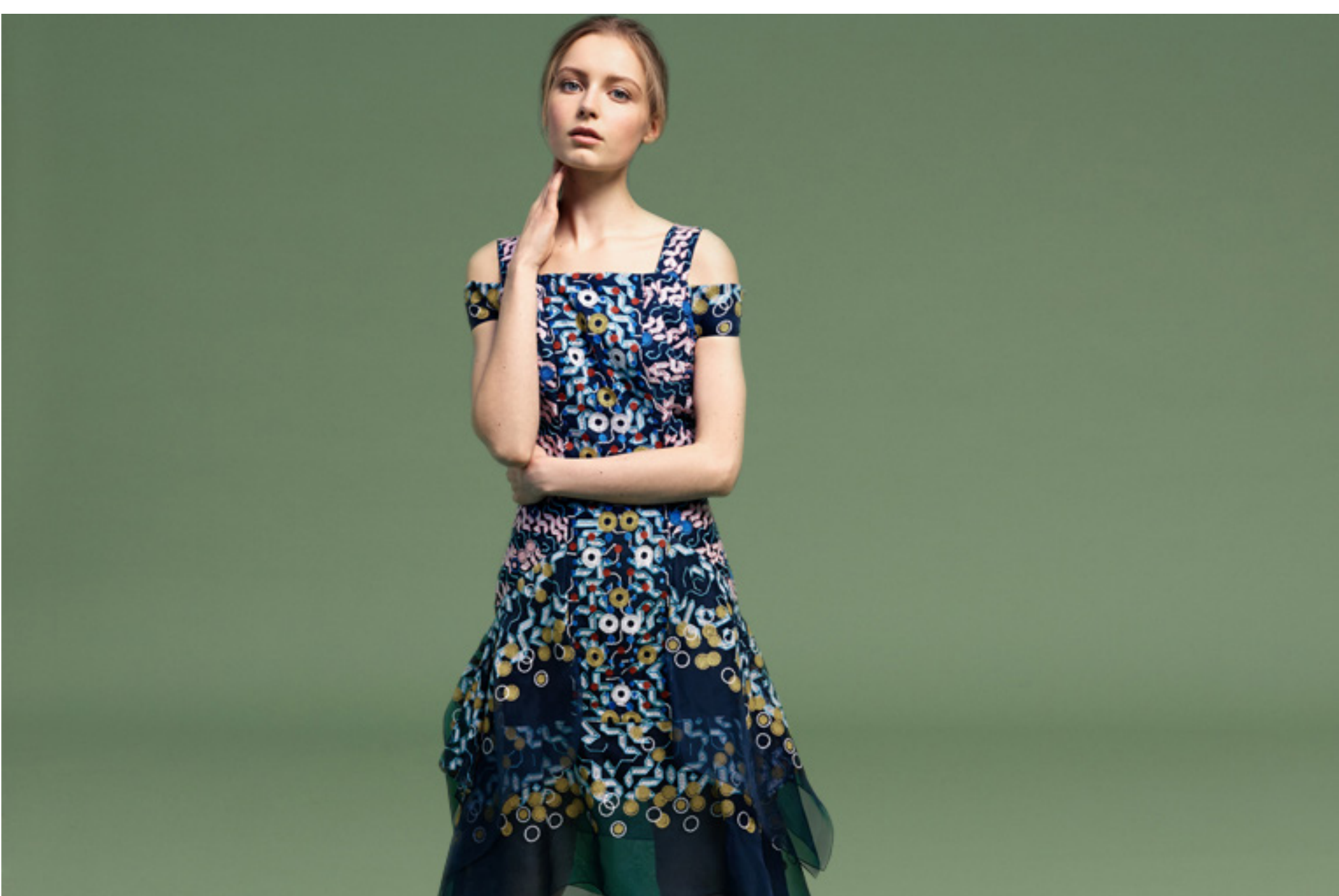
TASSELS

WHAT A group of strands knotted together at one end.

WEAR Swinging into action from easy bohemian styles and artfully arranged on look-at-me accessories, a tassel (or four) always adds a crafty, dynamic touch.

BRANDS Tailtha, Sea NY, No.21, Ulla Johnson, Tonya Hawkes

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PETER PILOTTO Navy Embroidered Organza Dress

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EMBROIDERY

WHAT Patterns stitched directly onto the garment surface by hand or machine.

WEAR The more intricate the better with florals proving to be the most popular motif and extra embellishment like beading upping the ante.

BRANDS Needle & Thread, Vivetta, Peter Pilotto, Vilshenko

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STATEMENT SLEEVES

WHAT The part of a garment that covers arms in a noteworthy way.

WEAR Bigger and bolder with all new prints and textures, the sleeve selection includes balloon, bell, bishop and cape which create striking silhouettes.

BRANDS A.W.A.K.E., Y/Project, Isa Arfen, Rachel Comey, Rosetta Getty

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A.W.A.K.E. Red Floral Print Cape Dress

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