

Miu Miu S/S 2013

Miu Miu is quickly becoming a standout luxury brand – breaking away from her famously luxurious older sister, Prada. Although the brand was created in 1993 it wasn't until 2005 that the powers-at-be decided to completely withdraw Miu Miu from its Italian roots and transplant her to Paris. This season we see a collection that nails the brand's goal of "luxury and sensuality" right on the head. S/S 2013 pays fun and flirty homage to all things late 50s early 60s. From the hair and makeup to the clothes and accessories, Holly Golightly would gladly nod her approval under her wide brimmed hat. From the boxy shift dresses and overcoats to the casually draped furs and of course, the carefully placed accent gems, Miu Miu takes mid-century New York sophistication to new heights. We also see several pieces crafted in all denim or lightweight leather, which is very on trend at this moment. Denim is no longer just for jeans whereas leather is no longer a fall/winter staple.

Sources: <http://www.pradagroup.com/en/brands/miu-miu>

Maison Kitsuné F/W 2013

Founded by Gildas Loaëc (of Daft Punk) and Masaya Kuroki in 2002, this Paris-based fashion label has showcased their first womens collection. Inspired by progressive Japanese fashion houses, the duo decidedly paired their fashion house with a record label under the same name, proving that these two industries must always be on the cutting edge of the latest trends, while also maintaining quality and a "cool factor". Their modus operandi lies in classic, preppy clothing mirroring the current styles and trends. Again, we see the hair and makeup is very 50s-60s in its execution and yet the clothes play on the still relevant trend of menswear as womenswear. The models are androgynously clad in shorts, pants, and button-ups, rocking bouffants, ankle boots or Oxfords. The hemlines on dresses and skirts are high, taking these looks from downright mannish to positively femme-tastic.

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