



AUTUMN-WINTER 1947

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Douze douzièmes

SPRING-SUMMER 1951



The whole house was in a fever ... One of our key premières had a nervous breakdown ... she was replaced ... by a particularly talented underling. Monique, who luckily was more than adequate for the task....



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- CHRISTIAN DIOR, 1957

LINE Corolle

OCCASION Three-piece dancing or dinner dress

ATELIER FLOU Monique

MANNEQUIN Yolande

Wool crepe, gilt thread, crystal, glass embroidery by Hurel; petticoat: taffeta; silk satin, crinoline

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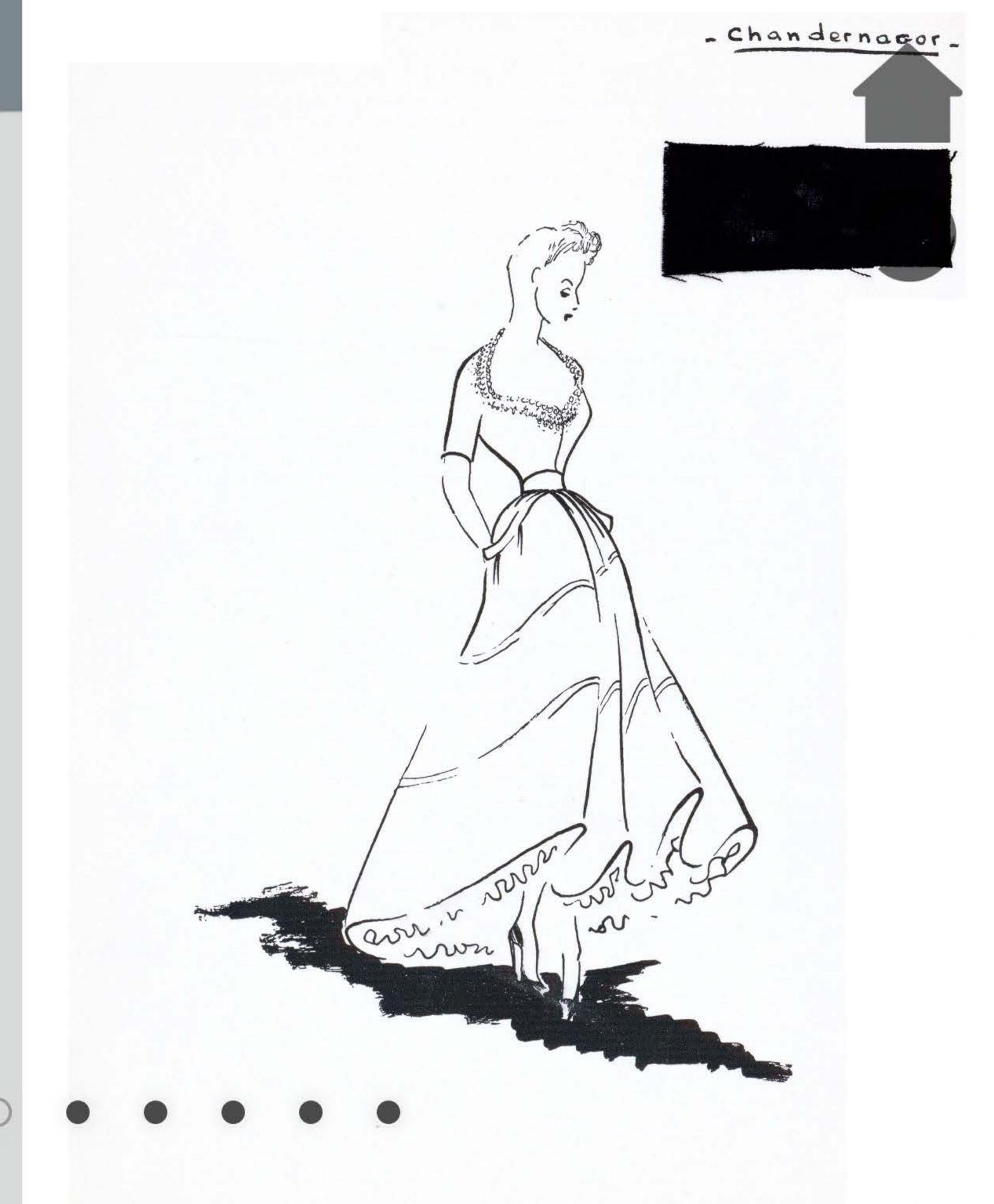
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Press Sketch

DIOR HÉRITAGE COLLECTION, PARIS



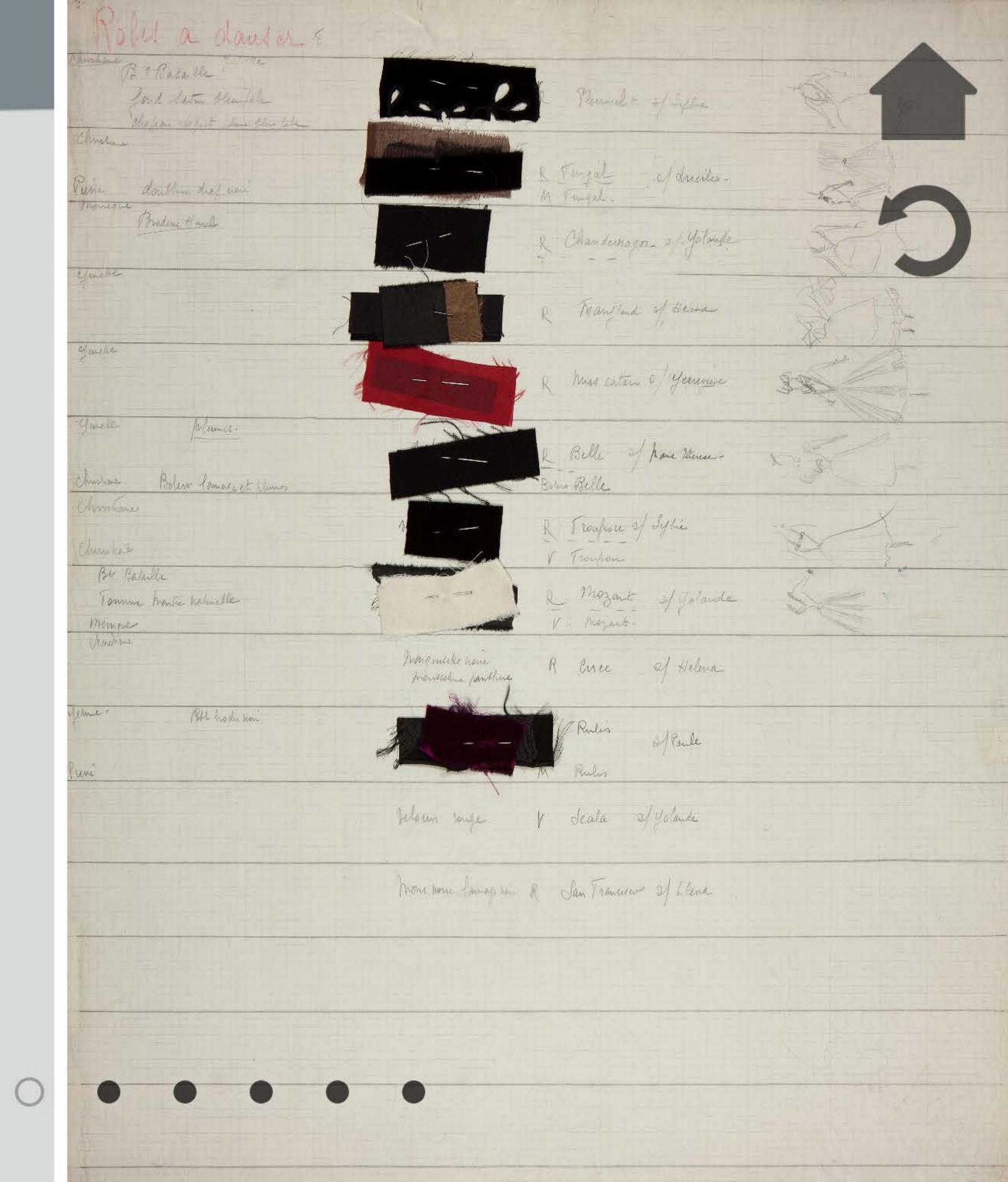
Chart

Each chart recorded the designs in a collection by type, who made it, for whom, and with textile swatches. This ensured the ateliers' work was evenly distributed and that the mannequins had time to change during daily presentations.

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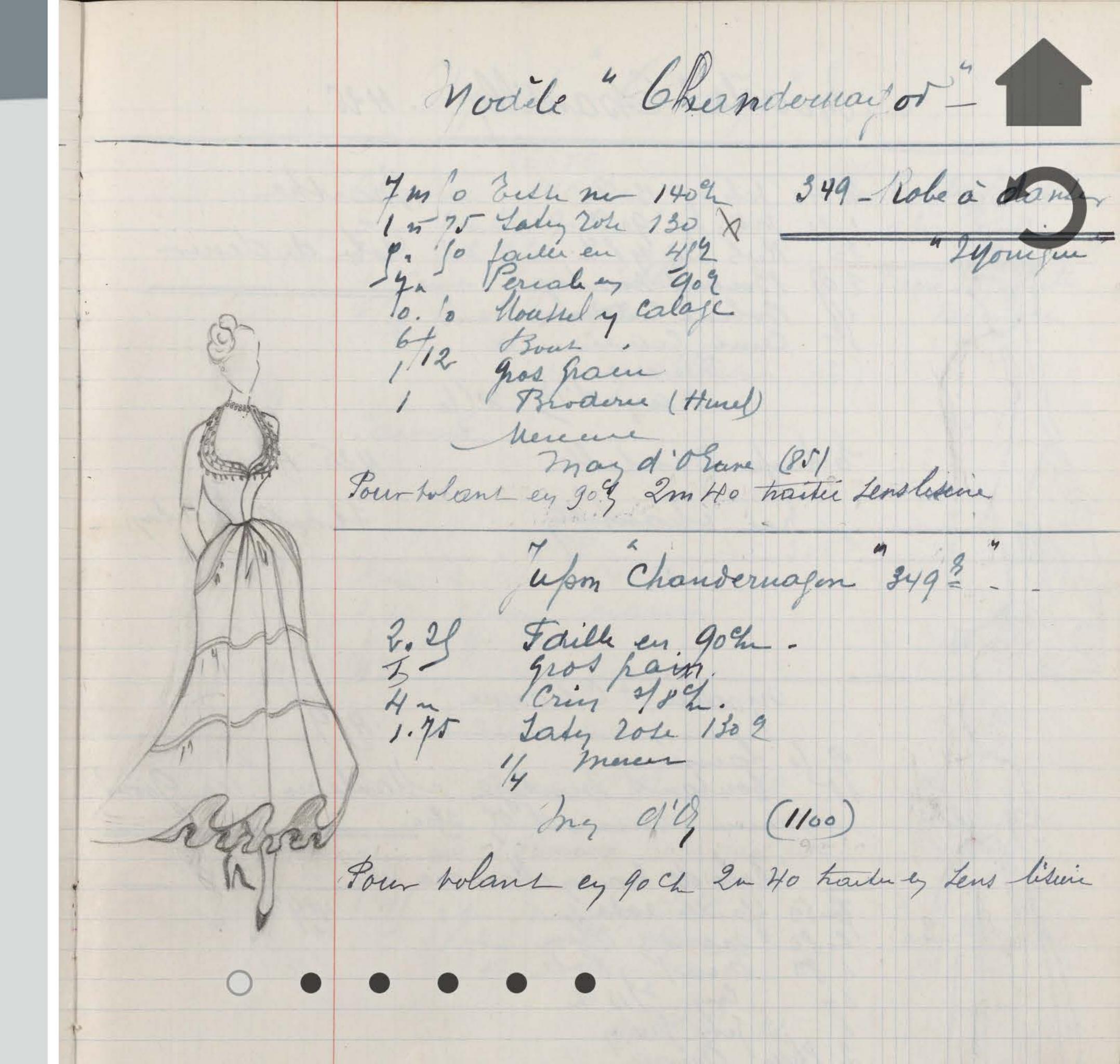




Livre de fabrication, automne-hiver, 1947-48

The first three Dior collections had registers with the suppliers' names and units required to make each design.

DIOR HÉRITAGE COLLECTION, PARIS



Press Photo

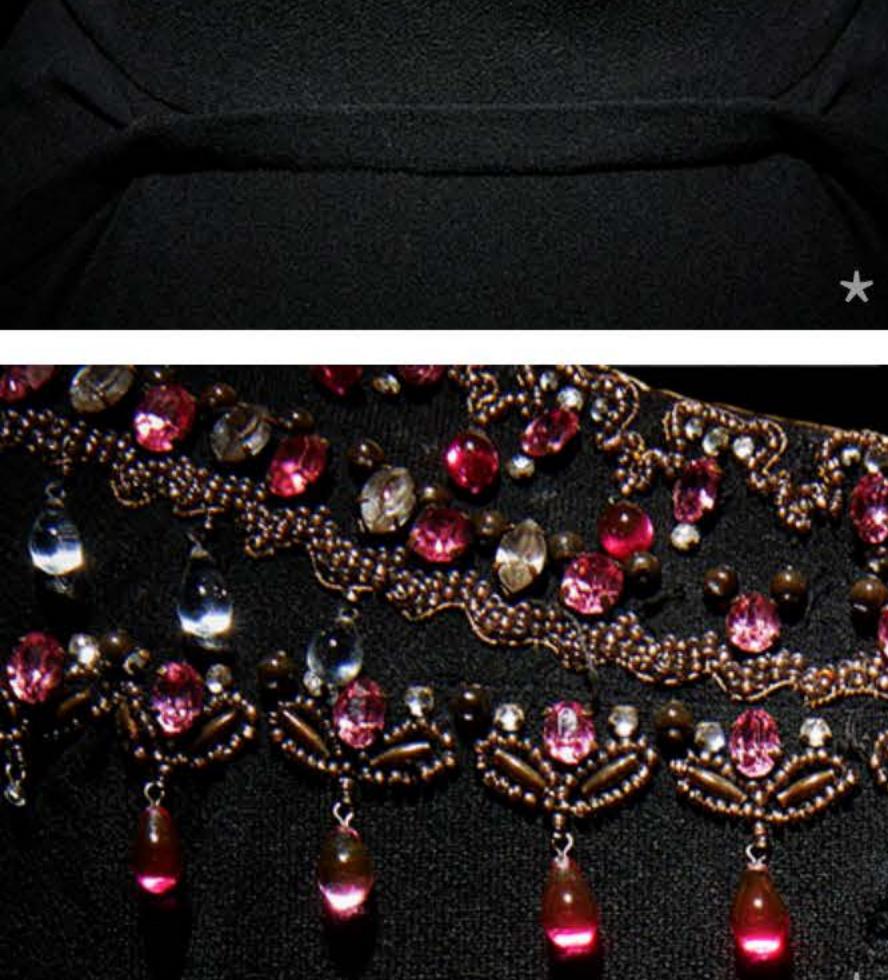
Press photo of *Chandernagor* worn by Yolande.

Chandannagar, a town in West Bengal that was still colonized by the French when this dress was made. Christian Dior never visited India but had a romantic idea of its colonial riches and beauty, reflected in the embroidery and low cut of the bodice with tightly-fitted elbow-length sleeves, like a choli blouse worn under a sari.

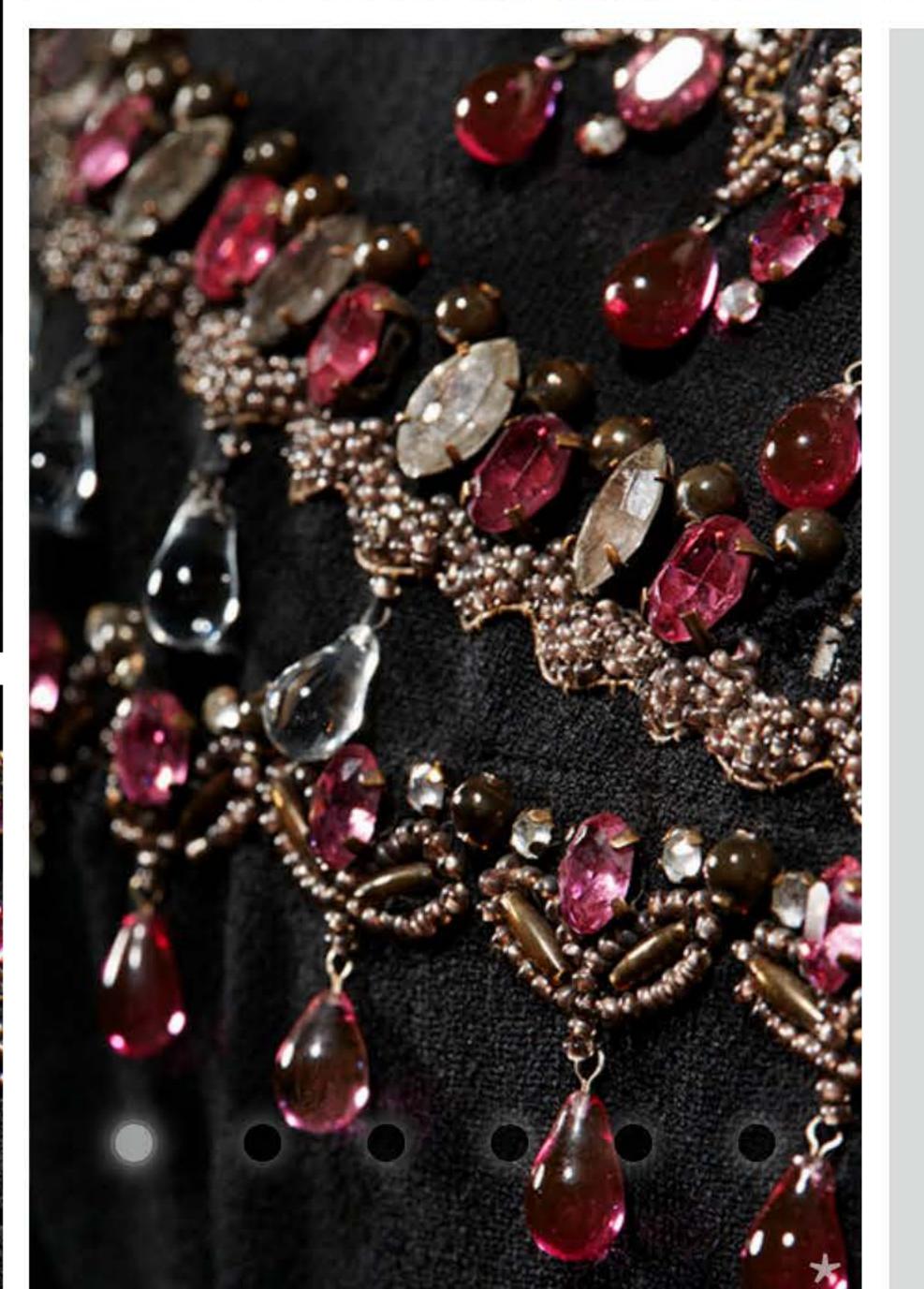
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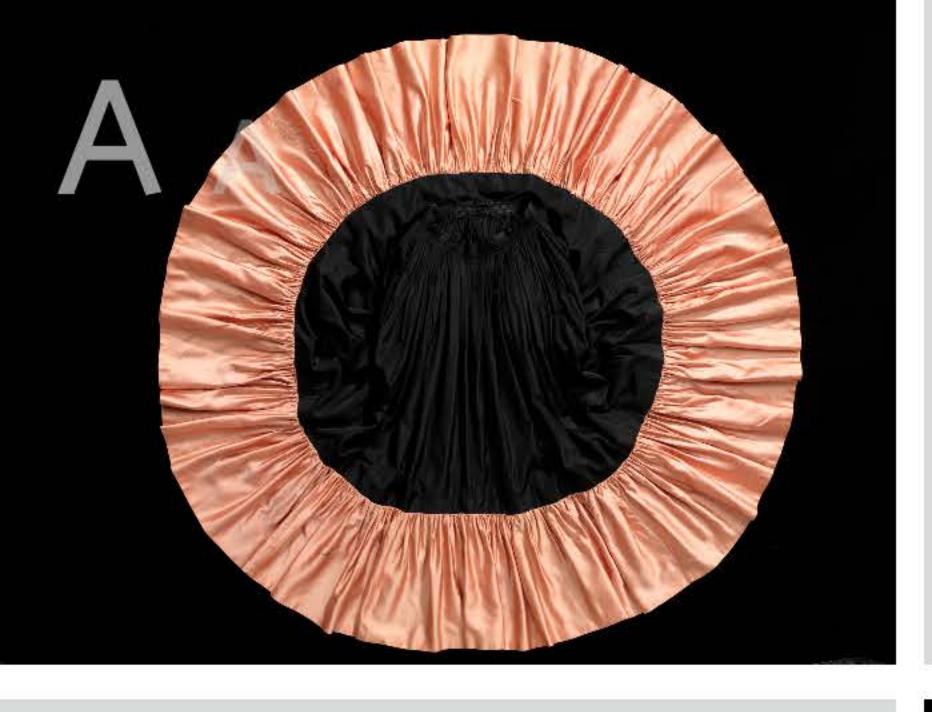






Embroidered by Maison Hurel (1870-present) with amberstained blown glass pearls, Murano-style dark amber glass pearls, metallic thread coated with twisted bronze lamé, probably by Dorures Mathieu (Lyon, 1888-present), and various shaped and coloured Swarovski® (1895-present) crystal chatons (round stones) mounted on antique, oldbronze finish settings and glass drop pendants with metallic hook.

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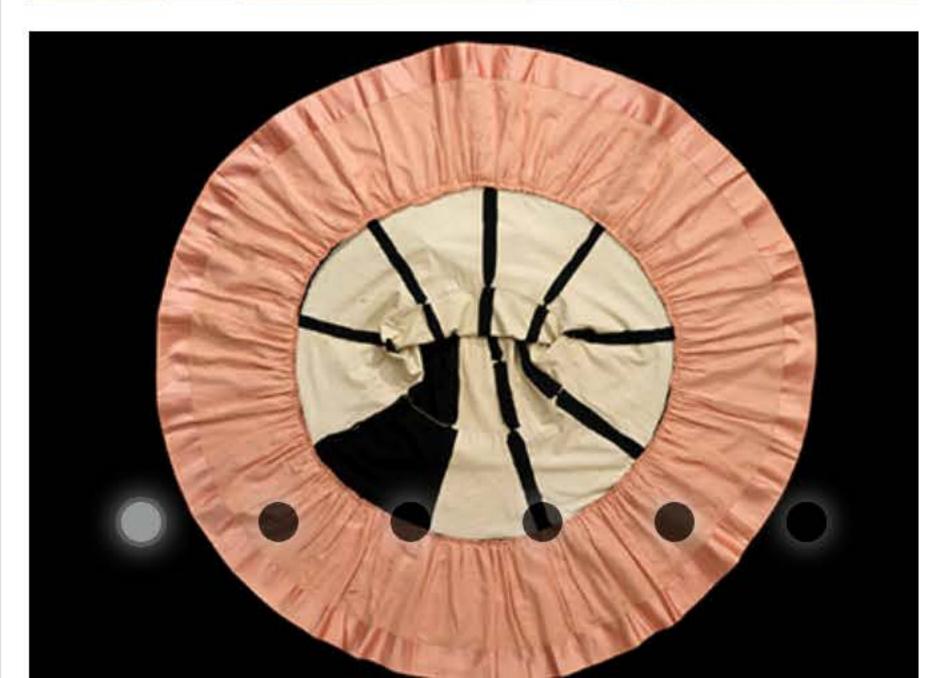
Petticoat: silk taffeta with 5 m / 5.5 yds of horsehair crin
Petticoat weight: 0.68 kg (1.5 lbs)



- Skirt: 5.4 m (17'8") hem circumference
- Skirt weight: 2.04 kg (4.5 lbs)

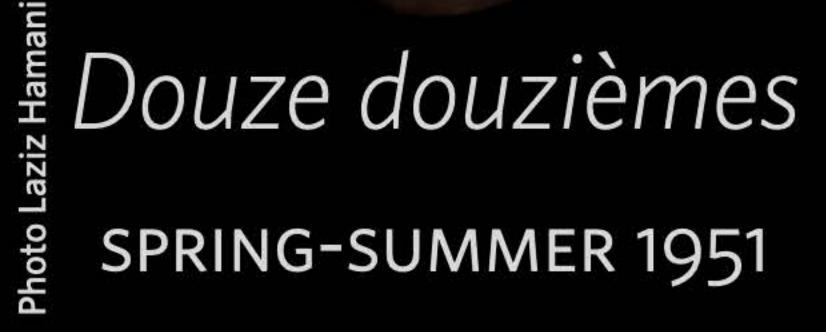
Skirt inside is faced with cotton. Visible are Monique's pencil markings for the straight of grain lines.







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...a ball dress may be entirely covered with millions of sequins or pearls, each one of which has to be put on separately...



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— CHRISTIAN DIOR, 1956

LINE Naturelle

OCCASION Two-piece evening dress

ATELIER FLOU Marthe

MANNEQUIN

Angelina

TEXTILE

Silk shantung by Jean Page; Swarovski® crystals in antique mounts, white glass seed beads, sequins, silk satin, synthetic fibre wrapped over cotton cord, embroidery by Rébé

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Left: Silk shantung by Jean Page in marron glacé (chestnut) brown is embroidered by Maison Rébé.

Maison Rébé embroidery:

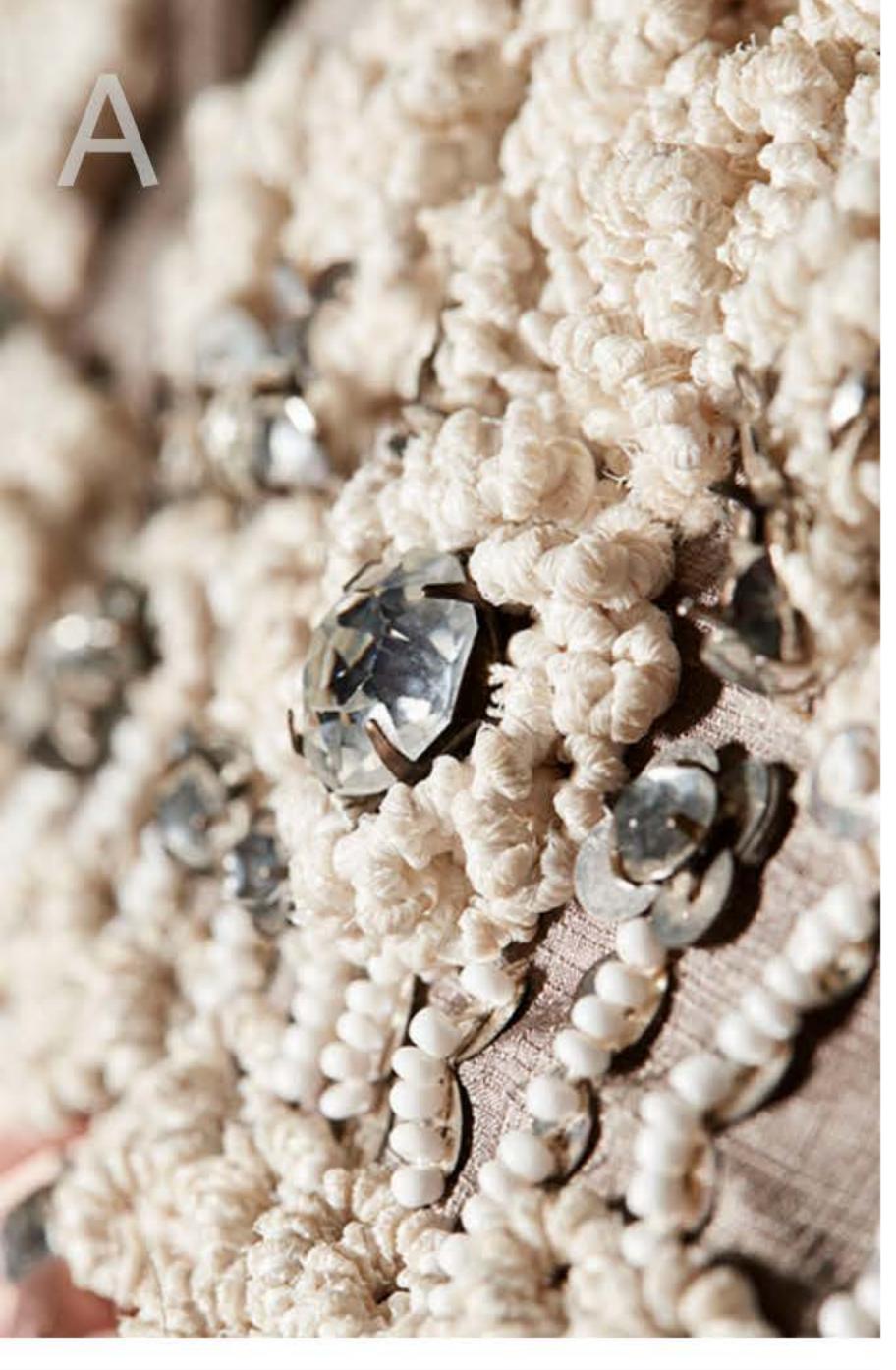
- 3 sizes of Swarovski[®]
 crystals in antique mounts
- 2 sizes of sequins
- 1 size white round seed bead
- Twisted synthetic plastic with cotton core thread worked in various ways
- Silk satin ribbon



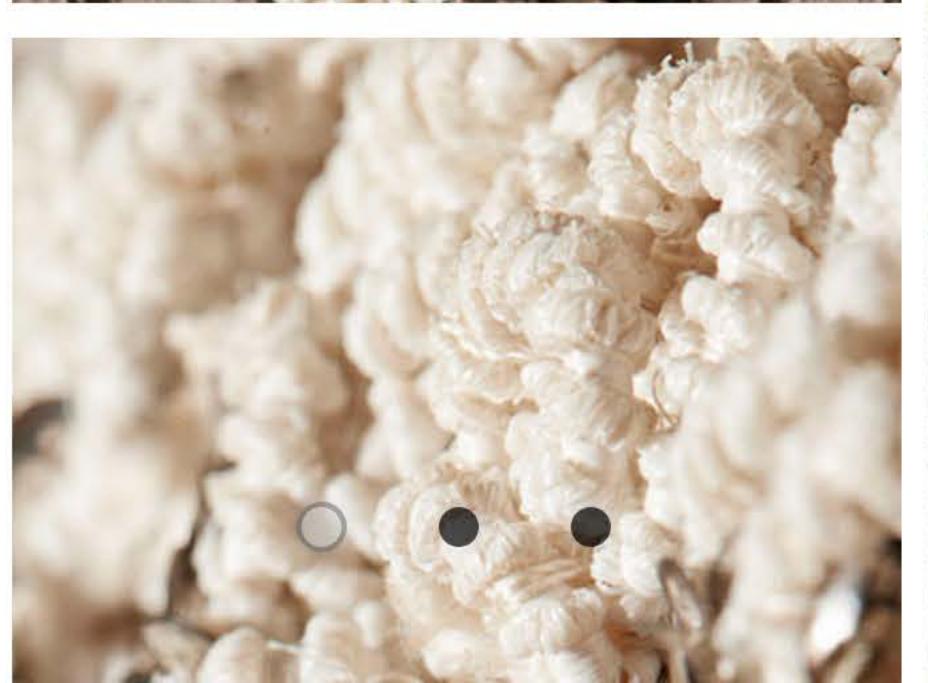




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