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Vierge folle

AUTUMN-WINTER 1947



The success of a dress depended upon the quality of workmanship, the attention to detail, and above all on the beauty of the material.

— CHRISTIAN DIOR, 1956

Corolle LINE

**Evening dress OCCASION** 

Marthe ATELIER FLOU

Paule MANNEQUIN

**TEXTILE** 

Silk satin

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GIFT OF MRS. GRAHAM MORROW ON LOAN FROM THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, TORONTO

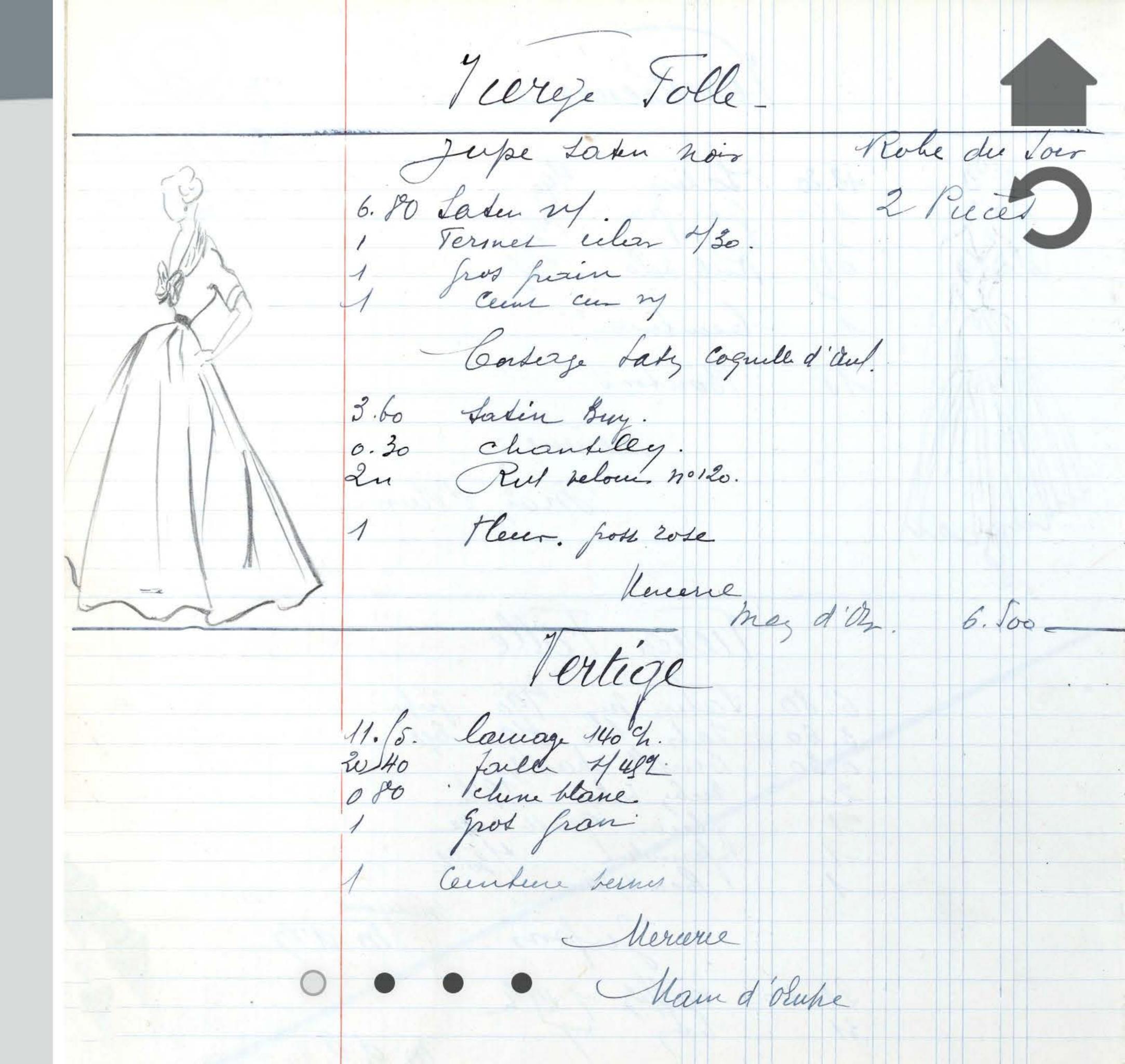


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## Livre de fabrication

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

DIOR HÉRITAGE COLLECTION, PARIS





## Chart

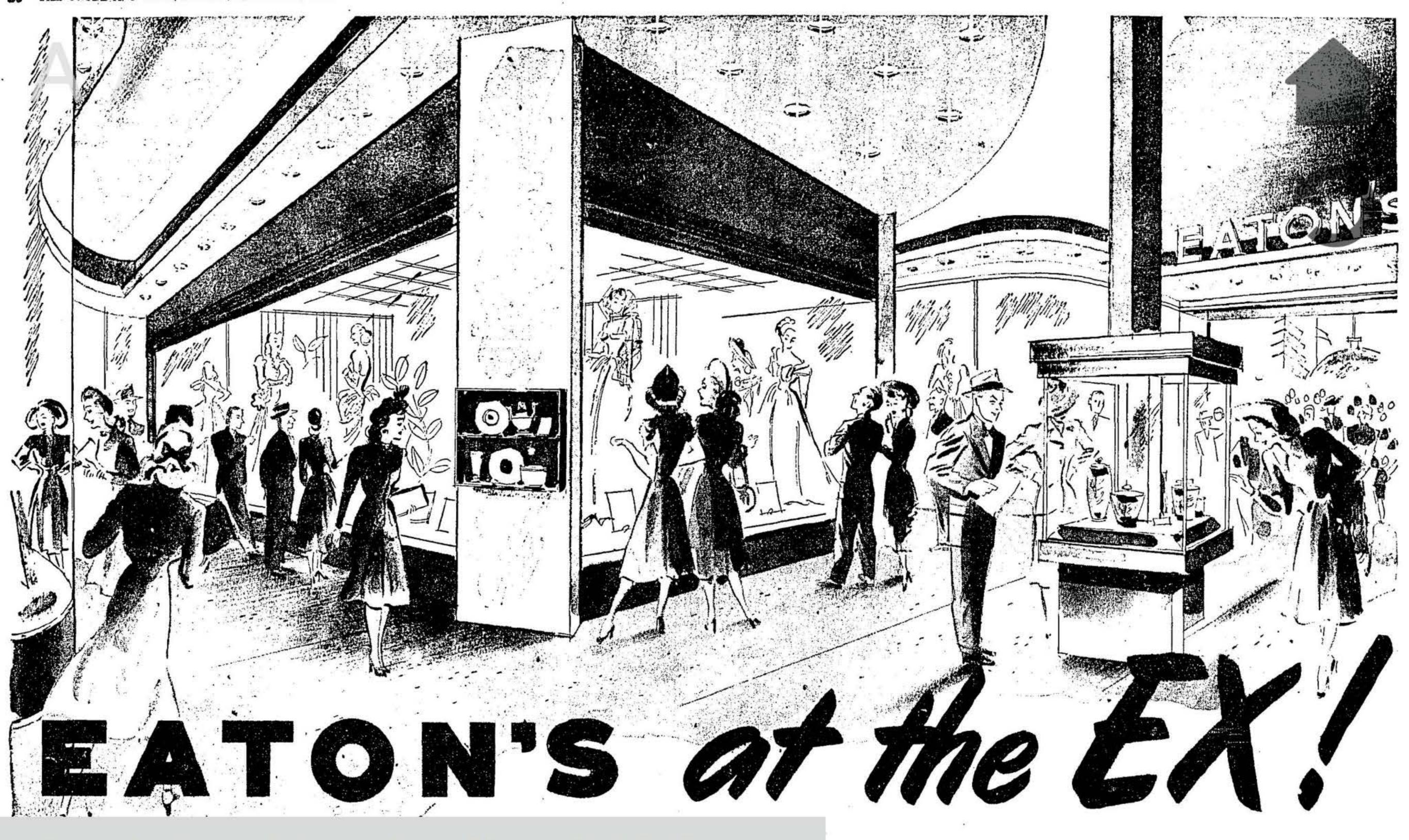
Each chart recorded the designs in a collection by type, who made it, for whom, and with textile swatches. This ensured the ateliers' work was evenly distributed and that the mannequins had time to change during daily presentations.

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Imported to Toronto by Eaton's, *Vierge folle* exemplified the "latest trend in fashion" from Paris shown to Canadians at the Canadian National Exhibition.

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Vierge folle or Mad Virgin, is a tarot card and a reference to a work by the poet Arthur Rimbaud.

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