



A SPRING-SUMMER 1955

Auteuil Spring-summer 1949



... one of the keys of the collection, a slim dress with a high waistline and a suit jacket slim too, but standing out from the body a little all the way down, made in grey flannel.



— MARGARET CRAGG, "DIOR'S NEW LINE SEEN AT HOLT RENFREW," THE GLOBE AND MAIL, MARCH 1955

LINE

Three-piece day ensemble OCCASION

Berthe DRESS ATELIER FLOU

JACKET ATELIER TAILLEUR

Renée

MANNEQUIN

Frédéric

TEXTILE

Silk and wool tabby by Staron called Aléoulaine

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GIFT FROM THE ESTATE OF MOLLY ROEBUCK® ON LOAN FROM THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, TORONTO





Press Sketch

DIOR HÉRITAGE COLLECTION, PARIS





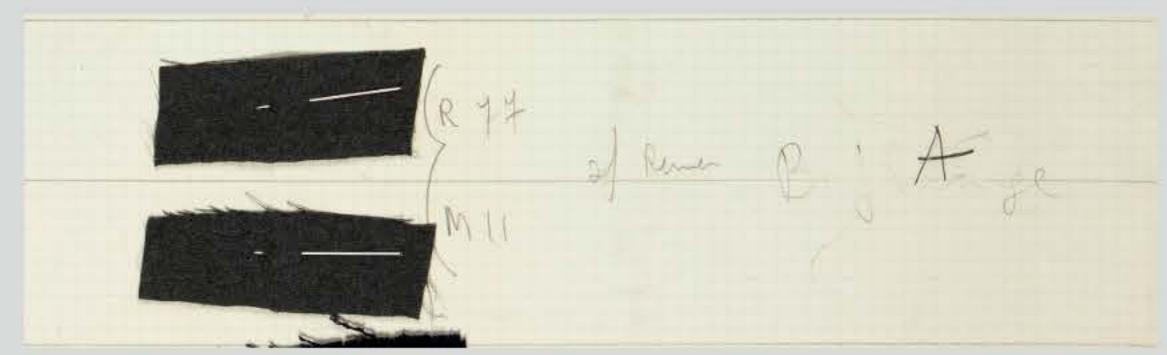




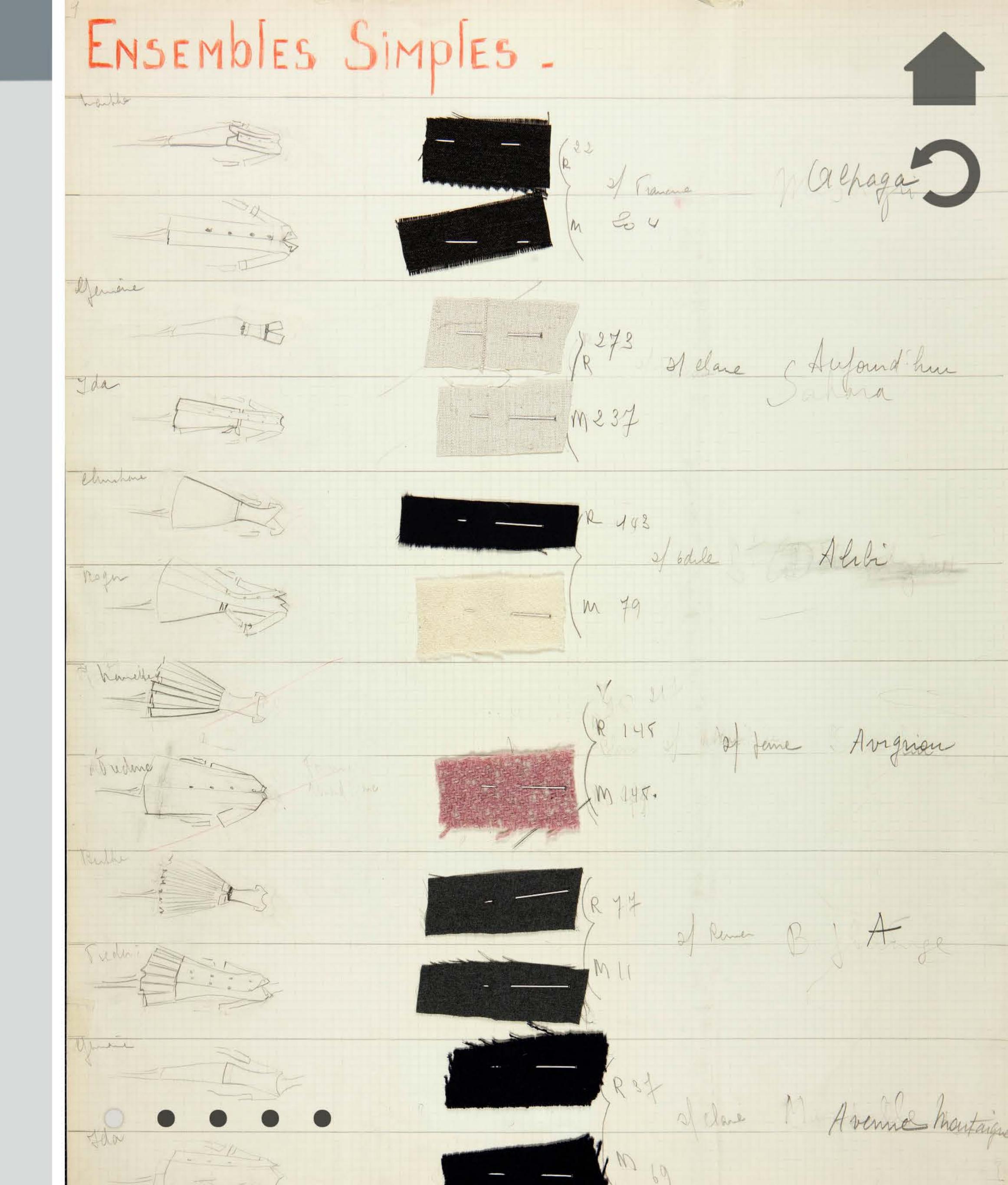
Chart

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.

DIOR HÉRITAGE COLLECTION, PARIS









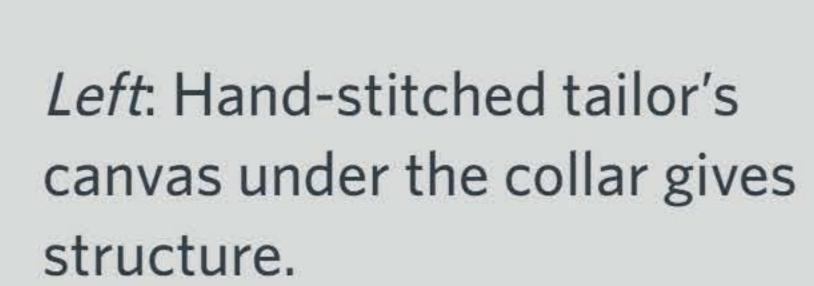
L'Officiel de la couture, March 1955

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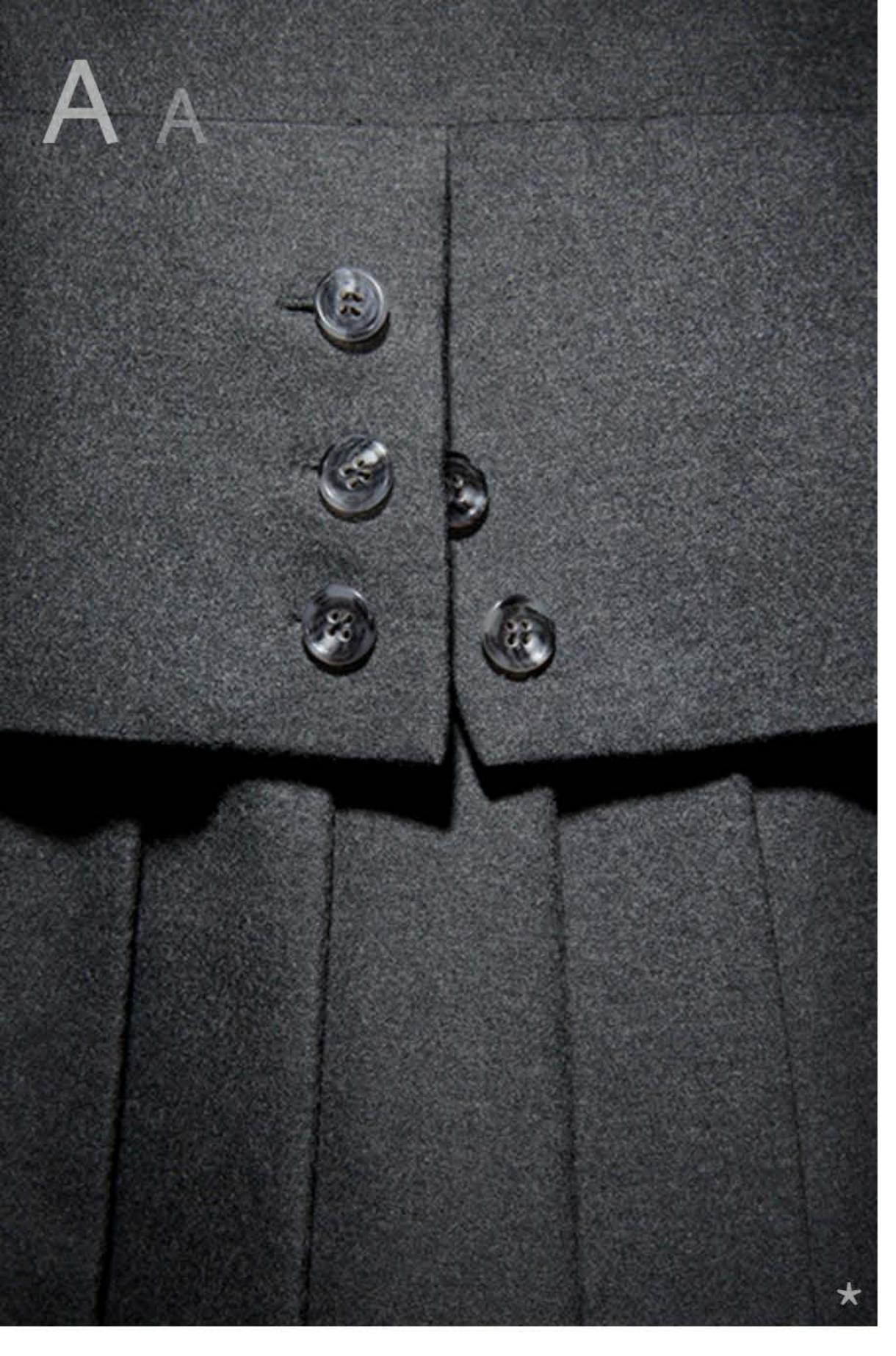
Below: The handwritten tape records the order by American manufacturer, Ben Zuckerman.

Above: Darts at the bust emphasize the A line.

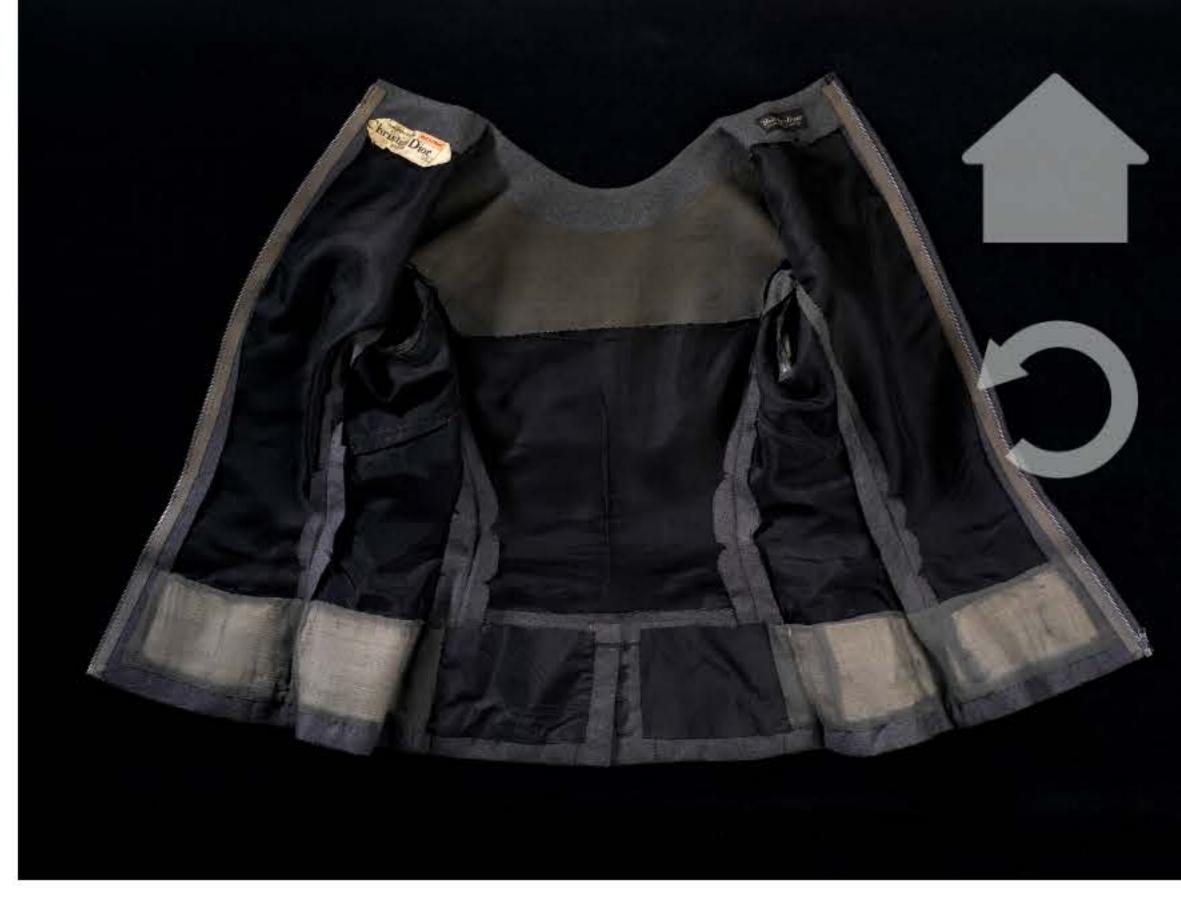
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Right: Two-piece day dress

Centre top: A handmade loop with snap fastener keeps the bra strap in place.

Above: The pleated skirt, with attached petticoat, is sewn to a complete silk lining worn under the bodice.

Top: Dress bodice with silk and organdy linings and tailor's canvas for shaping.

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Photo Laziz Hamani





Auteuil Spring-summer 1949 Auteuil was described for tourists as "a chic...

preferred residential neighbourhood of the moneyed classes...near the Seine."

— HOW TO SEE PARIS, COMMISSARIAT AU TOURISME, PARIS, CA. 1944

LINE | Christian Dior-New York (First collection)

OCCASION Two-piece day suit

TEXTILE Linen tabby, rayon velvet

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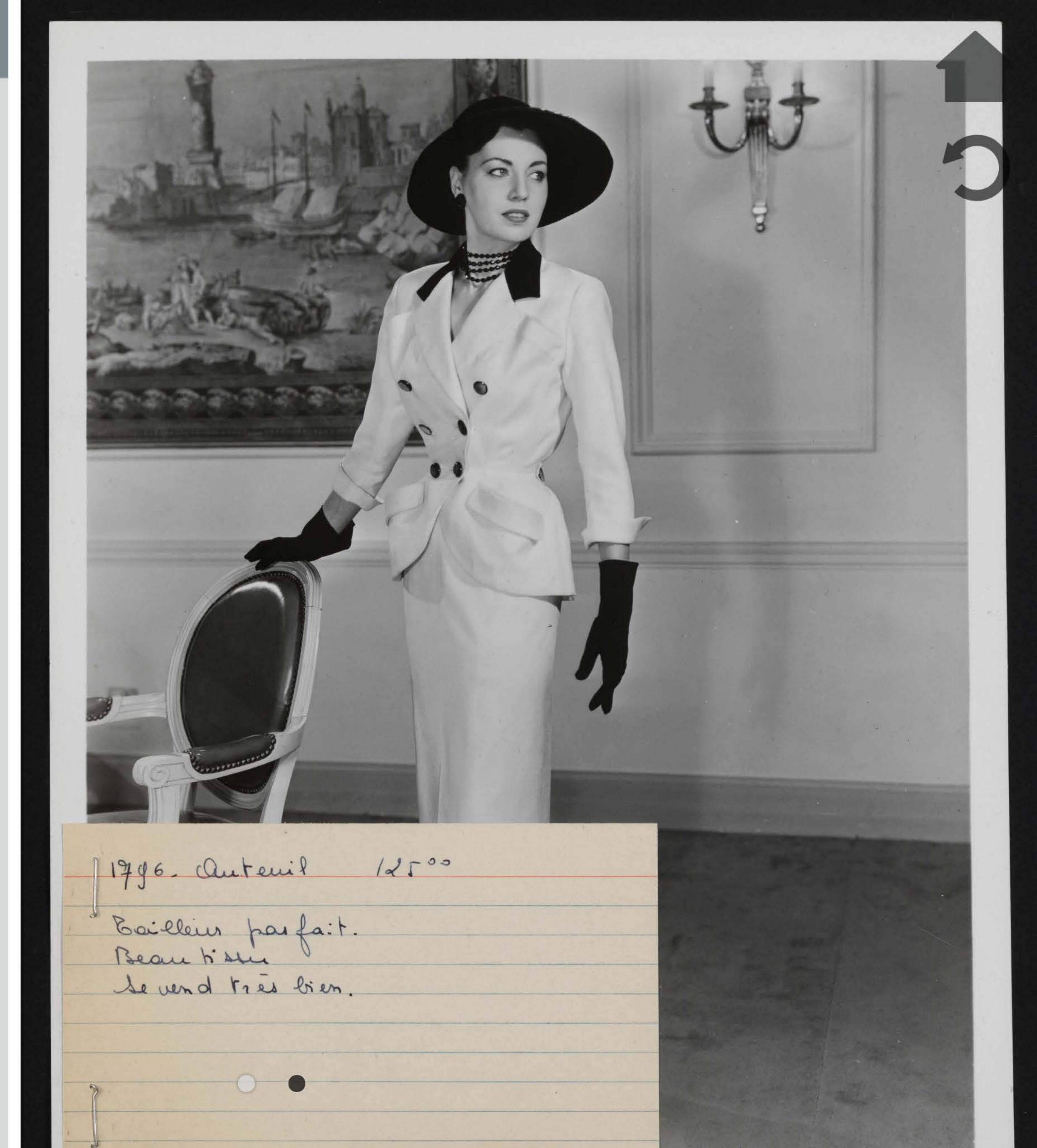
GIFT OF KATHERINE CLEAVER FROM THE CLEAVER-SUDDON COLLECTION • ON LOAN FROM THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, TORONTO



AA

- *Auteuil* is from the first Christian Dior New York collection.
- The line was distinct from the Paris haute couture collection and designed to appeal to North American tastes and pocket books.
- It was manufactured in New York, to circumvent import duty, and sold by select retailers.

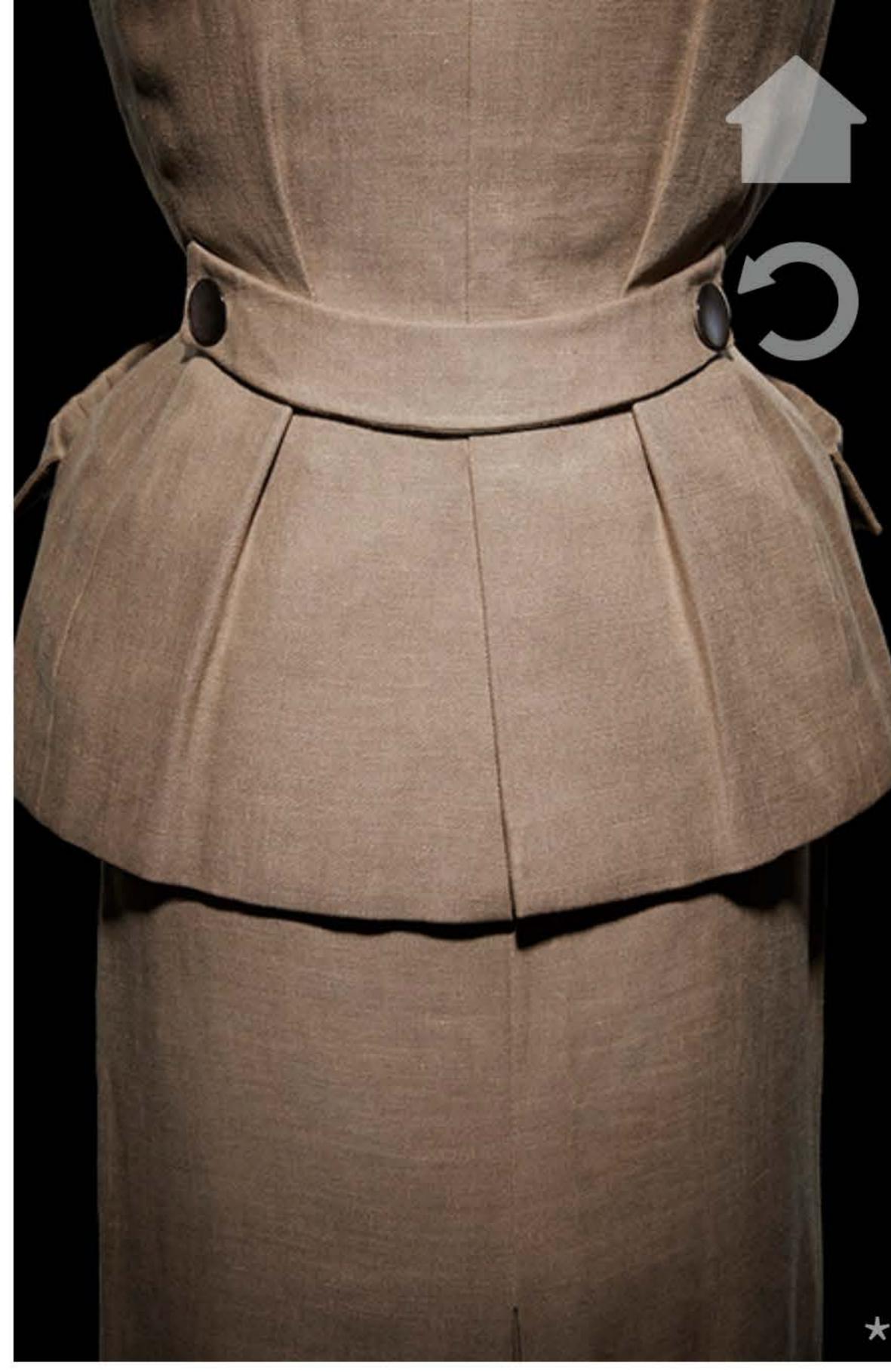
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