If you find yourself in Spain, don’t just go for the usual fiestas and siestas. The country has a motherload of architectural gems, especially when it comes to avant-garde architecture. If you’ve ever wondered where the inspiration for The Excaladane came from, you’ve come to the right country.

From buildings that defy gravity, to buildings that seem to be moulded out of water, Spain’s got stuff that seem to emerge out of a sci-fi movie. Here are a few of the most notable icons.

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If you can’t resist, try getting this for your own.

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JANUARY 20, 1933

MY NAME IS KENZO OTAWA AND STANDING TALL AT 8,800 METERS IN FRONT OF YOU IS MOUNT EVEREST.

EVERYONE KNOWS, FIGHTING THE WIND IS IMPOSSIBLE. I'M GOING AND NO ONE HAS SURVIVED. SOME DON'T EVEN RETURN.

IT'S MY DREAM TO BE THE FIRST SIKAYA TO CONQUER THIS MOUNTAIN... ALONE.

BUT KNOWING ALONE WON'T GET ME TO THE TOP.

THE WIND HAS TAKEN THE LIVES OF MANY. THAT'S WHERE THE MOST DANGEROUS IS... THE WIND.

THE WIND WILL STILL BLOW AGAINST ME.

KENZO! STOP PLAYING WITH THAT FAN AND GO STUDY!

THE WIND IS STRONG BUT MY WILL IS STRONGER.

...IS STRENGTH AND PERSEVERANCE.

FIRST EVERYTHING I HUNT, THE MOUNT EVEREST WILL HUMBLE UPON ME. IT WILL LEAD MY BARK IN JAPANESE HISTORY!

TAP!!

F40S-Series Electric Fan

SMALL BUILD, EXTRAORDINARY POWER.

16" Aeropitch Blade
Built-in Tripod Fan
Double Oscillation
Easy Tilt Adjustment
Timer Function

Concept by Naruporn Srisukri
Art by Julian Futanco
Rides & Revolution

While Formula One may boast some of the most advanced technologies and automotive practices in the business, truly avant-garde ideas come from places far from the international motor sport calendar.

**Self-Heal Wheels**

Tucked away in the city of romance, for example, is a tiny research lab that is developing tires that never need to be replaced or repaired by human hands. Using cutting-edge industrial physics and complicated algorithms, scientists have been able to develop rubber compounds that would have functions of a tire's past. Under the influence of high nucleation forces and intense social pressure, molecules of this specifically formulated rubber are compelled to He-61, a new tire allowing structure to self-heal. The role within the structure is continually filled up with He-61-declared rubber, which is released as a local injury within the topology of the wheel.

**Skin Deep**

Sensing things closer to the mainstream eye, skin is developing a radical new option on how cars should be built. One of the most avant-garde designs involve the use of polymer foams to be used over a specially-designed skeleton as a substitute outer body. By simply changing the material of the bodywork, they have successfully reduced the car's weight by over 40%, drastically improving handling, fuel efficiency, and convenience. They envision a day where changing your car's color will be an efficient, 5-hour ordeal and replacement of such fashions over the eco-friendly exterior.

**Shape-Shifting Body**

Another fantastical invention recently brought out of a shadowy team of shape-shifting body panels, made from super-physical particle soup, such materials take the form of these divers at Williams. By the application of extreme forces, these liquids are molded by high pressure, even the car at hundreds to high speeds, and as the pressure increases, they solidity in the least geometric shape possible to help increase fuel efficiency, speed, and handling. One would imagine that most companies are capacitated on polycytes understanding such development, but this is taking place in the laws of the former Soviet Union's auto-mobile division of Lada.
CHANEL - A BRAND, A WOMAN, A REVOLUTION

Born as Gabrielle Bonheur "Coco" Chanel (5 August 1883 - 10 January 1971) in Saumur, Prance, this lady lady is behind the world famous brand we all know as Chanel. Her extraordinary influence on fashion was such that she was the only woman to be named on Time 100: The Most Important People of the Century.

Her childhood years were far from the glamorous lifestyles of the rich and famous. After her mother's death, Chanel was put in an orphanage by her father who worked as a peddler. She was raised by nuns who taught her how to sew—a skill that would lead to her life's work.

WHERE ART THOU COCO

During her early years after leaving the orphanage, she held a job as a singer in clubs where the name "Chanel" was born, derived from "cachet", the French word for "true woman". As an independent and ambitious young woman, her passion and drive to liberate conventions, including those of women's dress, attracted the attention of powerful men. This in turn led to the success of her business as it placed her in a position with elite circles that would purchase her clothing.

THE STORY BEHIND HER TRADEMARK PRODUCTS

CHANEL N°5

As a time when respectable women wore single garden flowers scents and perfume bottles were actually imprisonment, Chanel's first perfume, "Coco", was so light and elegant it was right for the debut of a scent that would revolutionize the world of women's fashion.

Even the shape of the bottle shows simplicity with its slim but rectangular shape, a strong identity linked to Chanel's philosophy for exquisite design and the form of simplicity. Her style of presenting perfume was in itself a contrast to the over-dramatic designs of crystal perfume bottles of the 18th century, popularized by Lalique and Veverin.

DESIGNER CLOTHES

One of the fundamental principles of her art—adapting elements of male attire for feminine wear—produced such a stir at the time that the libelous nature of morals and the opportunities for women to participate in sports caused wearing clothes in 1925 was a threat to their life women could afford. But the tide was broken, and eventually Coco Chanel fashion became the preference for thousands of women.

CHANEL'S LITTLE BLACK DRESS – A LASTING SYMBOL

In the 20th century, bright colours, prints, and heavy embroideries dominated the fashion scene. But Chanel brought the world its defining little black dress. It was made in various materials. Daytime dresses were made in wool, and for evening in satin, silk, or velvet.

In 1926 American Vogue named Coco Chanel's little black dress "A Force", emphasizing its simplicity and its potential for an enormous and long-lasting success. The Chanel little black dress became a symbol of chic and sophisticated simplicity.

PRESENT DAY

Known for her trademark suits and little black dresses, Coco Chanel created timeless designs that are still popular today. Her sleek, yet sophisticated silhouettes are easily mixed with accessories, especially pearl necklaces. In Chanel's words, "Luxury must be comfortable, otherwise it is not luxury."

For those of us who did not get a chance to watch her new biography, here are 2 films that have been screened in Singapore recently:

1. Coco before Chanel

2. Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky

All avant-garde artists of the world - be they musicians, writers, filmmakers, dancers or fashion designers - all have one thing in common: the authority to dream beyond conventional barriers. Perhaps we can all some have a lesson of inspiration from these successful artists. It is good to dream big and dare to be different, but most importantly, one must learn the art of perseverance and tenacity to carry out one's goals to the finishing line. In the words of Coco Chanel, "Flaunty is not something that exists in dresses only; fashion is in the sky, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening." And it is her philosophy that defines Coco Chanel as an avant-garde icon.
Picture a dystopian future where artificial intelligence strive to rule the earth. Mega corporations are corrupt with power while humans are becoming increasingly reliant on virtual reality. In this world, the only real life is the one that exists in the metaverse. This is the future introduced in the 1980s novel "Neuromancer" by Philip K. Dick. The story takes place in the year 2021 and centers on a cyberpunk world where artificial intelligence dominates society.

An avant-garde genre created in the 1980s, "cyberpunk" is a science fiction genre that explores themes of technology and society. It is a fusion of science fiction and cybernetics, and "punk" is a reference to the punk rock movement of the 1970s. Cyberpunk is often associated with themes of rebellion against societal norms and the decay of the traditional world order.

Bastian, a retired hacker who believes in free will, comes into his own and attempts to change the system. But he must also face the consequences of his actions. A perfect example of the cyberpunk genre is the game "Cyberpunk 2020" developed by Early access.

Here are some of cyberpunk's notable titles from both the west and the east:

**DO ANDREWS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP?**

Set in a post-apocalyptic Earth, the story follows an atheist named nearly-unknown. When his wife is killed, he becomes obsessed with finding her killer. But he must face the consequences of his actions. The story is a perfect example of cyberpunk literature and is a must-read for any fan of the genre.

**DISTRICT 9**

This documentary-style movie follows a group of aliens known as "the aliens" as they struggle to adapt to life on Earth. The movie explores themes of identity, realism, and the impact of technology on society. It is a perfect example of cyberpunk cinema and is a must-watch for any fan of the genre.

**CONWAY BERK**

This story explores the idea of artificial intelligence and the impact of technology on society. It is a perfect example of cyberpunk literature and is a must-read for any fan of the genre.

**BIOHACK I AND II**

Radical biomechanics. The game is set in a world where humans have merged with technology. The player takes on the role of a biohacker and must navigate a world filled with biomechanical creatures. It is a perfect example of cyberpunk video games and is a must-play for any fan of the genre.

**FINAL FANTASY IV**

The main theme of the game is the struggle between good and evil. The player takes on the role of a hero and must save the world from an evil threat. It is a perfect example of cyberpunk video games and is a must-play for any fan of the genre.

**WEIRD ART**

Now in the 21st century, we are in the post-apocalyptic era where technology has advanced to the point of being able to create new forms of art. Where individuals are creating new and creative ways to express themselves. This is the age of the digital artist and digital art is king. We are seeing reframing twist from pieces of traditional art we are used to seeing. Prepare to be surprised.

**BLOOD ART**

Blood art, also known as bloodletting, is a form of art where women use their own menstrual blood to create art. They use the blood to create new and creative forms of expression. This is a perfect example of the rise of digital art and the impact of technology on society.

**COCKROACH HELL ON MARS**

The Cockroach Hell of Mars is a one-room museum dedicated to the cockroaches that live on the planet. It is a perfect example of how technology has advanced to the point of being able to create new forms of art.
**Financial Planning**

Financial planning is important but it starts NOW! Have you thought about what you’re going to do when your parents stop giving you allowance for your daily rides and fast foods? It’s key to know and stick to a financial plan that has the right mix of investments and insurance needs for you and to re-evaluate it often. This can get pretty tricky, so just keep to the basics.

**How to Start Investing**

Don’t be discouraged if you don’t have $100 to invest. With a regular savings plan (RSP) you can start saving with a fixed amount of $100 a month. RSP uses the concept of dollar cost averaging (DCA).

- DCA: Buying more units when the price is low and fewer units when it is high. Over time your average unit cost is lower than the average market price during the same period of time.
- Avoid the uncertainties of market timing by not speculating on the right time to invest your lump sum capital.

**Types of Insurance**

1. **Life Insurance**
   - Income protection to provide financial relief when the unforeseen strikes. The payout can be beneficial, especially for issues such as paying final expenses and debts and providing an income for dependents. Having life insurance policies can also benefit in terms of divorce coverage and annuity benefits. This is why this policy is deemed for its entire lifetime.

2. **Term Life Insurance**
   - Unlike whole life insurance, term life insurance provides coverage only for a fixed period of time. There are also plans that cater to a specific need such as mortgage insurance.

3. **Endowment**
   - This is useful in diminishing your savings for a specific financial goal, especially during the enrollment period of the plan. It’s hence wise to opt for a term plan to cover the cost of your medical treatment.

4. **Health Insurance**
   - It’s wise to get an accident, fall ill, or become disabled. Health insurance protects you and your family from the financial loss you could suffer by covering the cost of your medical treatment.

5. **General Insurance**
   - All non-life insurance falls under General Insurance - travel insurance, motor insurance, home contents insurance, and the like. Having a travel insurance plan can help you get insurance claims for medical issues, hospitalization, and emergency medical evacuation.

**The Life and Times of Ah Boon**

Ah Boon is a first-class student who wants to pursue a degree in engineering. He’s considering investing in a balanced fund, but he’s not sure which fund to choose. He’s been advised to speak with his financial advisor to help him make the right decision.

**About Ah Boon**

- Ah Boon is excited about his future. He recently graduated from secondary school and is currently enrolled in a prestigious university.
- He’s a hard worker who values education and wants to pursue a degree in engineering.
- He’s looking for ways to supplement his income and is considering investing in different financial products.

**Ah Boon on a Grand Trip**

Ah Boon wants to go on a grand trip to Europe after graduation. He’s considering investing in a travel insurance plan to ensure he’s covered in case of any unexpected events.

**Ah Boon’s Caring Kechara**

Ah Boon is a compassionate individual who is always looking for ways to give back to society. He recently started a small business and is considering investing in a business insurance plan to protect his investments.

**Ah Boon’s Journey**

Ah Boon’s journey so far has been one of dedication and hard work. He’s determined to make the most of his education and is constantly looking for ways to enhance his financial knowledge and skills.

**Ah Boon’s Dreams**

Ah Boon dreams of becoming a successful engineer and making a positive impact on society. He’s constantly learning and exploring new opportunities to achieve his goals.

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DANS LE NOIR (IN THE DARK) (LONDON, ENGLAND)

You may plan your evening by enjoying food by visiting the famous restaurant "Dans le Noir". The dinner is served in darkness, which offers a unique dining experience. The chefs operate in the dark, and your dinner will be served by visually impaired waiters. This evening will be an unforgettable experience for those who want to try something different.

ICE HOTEL RESTAURANT (JUKASJÄRRVI, SWEDEN)

This restaurant is unique as it is located in an ice hotel. The ice hotel is made entirely of ice, and the dining area is also made of ice. The food is served in ice glasses, and the desserts are made from ice cream. This is a must-visit for those who want to experience something different.

DINNER IN THE SKY (IN OVER 50 COUNTRIES)

If you have ever dreamed of dining in the sky, you can do so at "Dinner in the Sky". The tables are suspended from a crane, and you can enjoy a meal while being lifted into the air. The view from the tables is breathtaking, and the food is prepared by a team of chefs.

THE JAIL (TAICHUNG, TAIWAN)

From Inmates to Chefs, "Jail to Jail" is a unique concept restaurant. Former inmates are staffed here, and you can order your meal from them. The menu includes dishes that have been created by inmates, and the prices are kept low. This concept is a way to give a second chance to inmates.

ACATRAC (SHIBUYA, JAPAN)

This restaurant is located in a building that is also a famous landmark. The restaurant is designed to look like a prison, and the menu includes dishes that are创作的 by inmates. The ambiance is unique, and it's a must-visit for food enthusiasts.

IN SINGAPORE

DINING CONCEPTS

GETTING BORED OF YOUR USUAL ITALIAN RESTAURANT OR SUSHI ROUNDABOUTS? NEW AND CREATIVE RESTAURANT EXPERIENCES ARE THE WAY TO GO.

THE MARTON (TAIPEI, TAIWAN), AND MODERN TOILET (TAIPEI AND HONG KONG)

These are some of the most unique dining experiences in the world. The Marton is a restaurant where you can dine in a toilet, and the Modern Toilet is a restaurant where you can dine in a toilet as well.

IN ASIA

INNOVATIVE DINING CONCEPTS

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WHAT IS AvANT-GARDE?

Avant-garde music began in the early 20th century. Music theorists use the term to describe music that is ahead of its time, which might contain a fusion of different genres and are generally more put together than the usual experimental music. Music can be "Avant-garde" in many ways.

THE HISTORY OF AvANT-GARDE

Instead of sticking to the usual music one, artists of the Avant-garde movement seek to challenge the social norms. The range of artistic movements at the beginning of the 20th century included Cubism, Expressionism, Futurism, Dadaism, Constructivism and Surrealism. The French were definitely those enough brain cells to come up with many different forms of Avant-garde.

THE CLINIC (THE CANNERY, CLARKE QUAY)

This clinic is a popular and unique place. The unique concept of the clinic is that you are treated by your own doctors, who are also the chefs. The dishes are created based on your dietary restrictions and preferences.

FINES ARTS - CUBISM

Cubism (part of the Avant-garde movement) was pioneered by Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque. This art style revolutionised European painting and sculpture, which basically makes your orange smile look more like art that's created through a digital program. Cubism looks like they're painted by 3-year-olds; they're harder than you think to create.

FASHION Forward

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

One of the most beautiful shoes in the world. The genre generally matters for men and women and requires you to think deeper into the art of fashion. Fashion is considered. Make some of your own unique style that you would want to wear for a long time. For a change, try wearing "shoes" directed by Margot. Doheny, or Basil. Denee, directed by Dianne.
Notable A&O films (1990s - 21st Century)

Mel Nuñez, directed by Tom Tykwer, is probably one of the more well-known films which incorporate avant-garde and experimental techniques. The story tells of a woman named Lola in her mission to net $100,000 German marks in order to save her boyfriend, Menter’s life. The film is clearly split into three portions: the first, second and third acts. Each act begins similarly but establishes differently, with different outcomes. This film includes the use of non-linear narrative, kinetic movements and abstract visuals which leave the audience various interpretations of the key messages.

M. Night Shyamalan’s, directed by M. Night Shyamalan, is a masterfully crafted horror film which utilizes avant-garde and experimental techniques. The film tells the story of a young boy named M. Night Shyamalan who must save his sister from a supernatural entity. The film is split into three acts: the first, second and third acts. Each act begins similarly but establishes differently, with different outcomes. This film includes the use of non-linear narrative, kinetic movements and abstract visuals which leave the audience various interpretations of the key messages.

History

The concept of avant-garde cinema began in France and Italy during the 1920s, with filmmakers such as Odor Fischinger, (director of The Man Who Planted Trees) and Hans Richter, (director of The Mirror). American experimental cinema was then catalyzed through a series of genres from the “frame” to the “plot”. These genres include: the “frame” film through the 1950s and 1960s. There was also a revival of abstract cinema, which eventually used computer-generated images. An international renaissance of avant-garde animation prior brought about more variety to the experimental scene.

By the early 1970s, American avant-garde filmmakers had begun to develop their own style, using the approach of the first person narrative, equivalent to the first person in literature.

Elements of avant-garde cinema

The concept of avant-garde cinema can be described as experimental, alternative, and avant-garde or abstract films, usually catering to a niche audience instead of the masses. To say, avant-garde cinema is comparable to a wildlife. It can be disturbingly different from mainstream movies and might not suit for everyone, yet it attracts us in more ways than one.

AVANT-GARDE CINEMA

Elements of A&O films

There are several elements evident in experimental films which differentiate them from typical blockbuster movies.

NON-LINEAR NARRATIVE - In any story, the way a story is told is essential in building up the necessary dramatic and imperative points. It is a question of how the story is told, rather than what. Some examples of non-linear narratives include flashback sequences or random chronological timelines. The more “real” and less crystallized the narrative is, the more impactful it is to the audience. In Citizen Kane (1941), directed by Orson Welles, the death of a wealthy media proprietor Charles Foster Kane creates controversy around the world. His life before death is then told entirely in flashbacks, using different points of view, mainly from Kane’s associates. Welles’ inventive ideas of using multiple narrators have inspired many filmmakers thereafter to create similar stories.

MULHOLLAND DRIZ

SPELLBOUND

DOCTOR STRANGE

Naked Lunch

CITIZEN KANE
MENS WEAR GOES ASIA

only the third Mens Fashion week after Paris and Milan, Singapore’s Inaugural Five-day MFW packed in a punch this year showcasing stunning Autumn/Winter 2011 collections from over 30 renowned brands. These ranges from international labels such as Hugo Boss to regional and local labels such as Shanghai Tang and Nectar Fruits respectively.

"I think it’s about time we have a designated fashion week for mens labels and we get to know who they are”, Hugo Boss director for mens fashion week.

The event, held exclusively at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands, is in part of an array of events for the country enjoy called the "Urban, Street and Slapcandy" country, however, Is not faced by the lack of fashion sense each Singaporean have and believes the time to now that is the best moment for local designers to come up with unique fashion sense.

"Local designers are able to make their mark and have a chance to be seen and heard in the fashion industry".

FOR THE YOUNG DESIGNERS

"We have been training young designers wanting to break into the fashion industry and give them the chance to show their designs to the public", Hugo Boss director.

"You have to be aware that you have passion for this industry because it’s not easy, but also because you’re in it for the lifestyle. It is not easy to get to where you are. You have to work hard and be persistent to achieve your goals".

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SINGAPORE FASHION CAPITAL

It has become a common feature of the event that the event will highlight Singapore as a vibrant fashion capital with many established brands such as Louis Vuitton and Gucci and rising brands such as Maison Martin Margiela and Givenchy.

"It’s been more and more events to showcase Singapore as a fashion capital, in hope of the event will help promote Singapore as the highest fashion capital on the island, other countries must start their own fashion week as well if they have to be competitive. Hopefully we will get more new designers who are able to showcase their talents and get their designs recognized now that we have better events".

"The event will showcase the best of Singapore and the world to the world, which is what we’re trying to achieve."
AVANT GARDE FASHION

by Judy Young

When it comes to fun, commercial and conventional high-fashion, we know the key designers: Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel, Miuccia Prada for Prada, Alber Elbaz for Lanvin, and more. Fashion can hardly be said to be predictable, but with avant-garde fashion, clothing is elevated to an art form, where the fashion designer's vision and influence are projected directly onto the canvas that is the clothes.

Here are some avant-garde fashion icons of this century:

**RODARTE**

Since its inception in 2006, sisters Kate and Laura Mulleavy have stepped at nothing short of perfection with their head-turning creations. Their consistent state of loving the employment of counter techniques in their fabric has earned many appreciating needs from the fashion royalty.

The Mulleavys have almost no formal training, having graduated from the University of California, Berkeley before setting up Rodarte. Yet their raw, wildly experimental and imaginative concept is what sets their designs to the avant-garde, almost couture level. Their skills and soft, Rodarte's creations have an inexorable force edge to them. From force, dark, gothic themes with knots of destruction to a sort of space-inspired collection with the use of She's to add an edge of masculinity. Rodarte's collections are proof of the Mulleavy sisters' expansive vision and dominating thoughts.

A costume-like appeal is present in all their collections. Their recent designs have taken on a fighter, more innocent vibe as the sisters move to lighter colored fabrics and softer, less jarring shapes, signifying a break away from the moody and dark shades and grey of the Spring/Summer 2012 collection. They've been recently commissioned as costume designers for the acclaimed film Black Swan, and their celebrity clients include First Lady Michelle Obama, Kate Middleton, Cate Blanchett, Emma Watson and more.

**COMME DES GARÇONS**

French for “like little boys,” it isn’t difficult to see why this little favorite brand Comme des Garçons is the revered fashion house that it is today. Rei Kawakubo founded Comme des Garçons in the 70s, starting minds and raising questions from the very first collection. Her vision of anti-fashion were reflected in her creations as strongly deconstructed garments that challenged the conventional notion of Beauty. Notable pieces that belong on a circuit of necessity include the three-armed jacket, boxeckocks that cover the face, and what is better known as the “Lumps and Bumps” spring collection of 1984.

Comme des Garçons is avant-garde at its height, with abstract, cryptic themes such as (the latest) Miyake Fashion. Rooted not just interpreted as “a state of clothing” and more. Each collection revolves around a different theme and while the basic designs may differ, there is a recurring dark, monochromatic color scheme and catwalk over-the-top creations. Kawakubo’s genius has spawned the rise of several fashion designers today, such as Ann Demouillettez, Martin Margiela, Helmut Lang and most notably, her former apprentice Jangki Venetian.

**PHILIP TREACY**

Fitting to the stars, Philip Treacy’s outstanding creations have been adorned by many a famous head, including Madonna, Sarah Jessica Parker, Lady Gaga, Celine Dion and more. Chanel, Valentino and Versace are just some fashion houses that he has created couture hats for his surrealist and sculptural head-turning fan-inspired creations. His most recently earned him the privilege to make hats for some members of the royal family from Kate Middleton’s marriage to Prince William in April.

Treacy’s rise to fame can be largely credited to Isabella Blow, Treacy’s muse and late editor of Tatler, who reportedly took Treacy under her wing and introduced him to established designers like Manolo Blahnik. Treacy even started his business in the basement of her house. The rest is fashion history.

Contrary to the notion that hats are reserved for old ladies in tea trues, Treacy breathes life into the hat with his fantastical, extravagant and larger-than-life creations that go beyond the conventional idea of what a hat should be. Instead, it would be more apt to describe Treacy’s military creations as decorative sculptures.

**JEAN-PAUL GAULTIER**

Better known as the enfant terrible of French fashion, Jean-Paul Gaultier is known for his bold and rebellious designs that certainly push the boundaries of fashion. Jean-Paul Gaultier is the discoverer of many a famous clothing, such as Madam’s iconic cone bra.

Gaultier is known for combining streetwear with brilliant technical tailoring, and it is credited with creating man shirts. His creations challenge the traditional views of men’s and women’s clothing. Blurring the lines between both genders, Gaultier draws his inspiration from many different cultures, not excluding the Buddhist and Mongolian cultures. His extensive range of clothing range from the most cutting-edge collections of the 1980s to the punk-inspired, streetwear-inspired collection of the 1990s.

Gaultier’s collections are almost direct projections of his moods and thoughts, and they are reflective of his experiences. Gaultier’s former, over-the-edge creations tend to a notoriously comedic tone when his lover passed away. Having been called the most avant-garde fashion designer on more than one occasion, it’s not difficult to see why Gaultier’s outrageous, almost outlandish designs are so well-received.
THE LIST

Revolutionary Ideas

When these ideas first emerged, they were considered experimental or even outlawed. Eventually, they revolutionized entire generations of art, culture, and even politics, sometimes being a work of art themselves.

1. Mass Transport (1830s)
The first forms of mass transportations were literally horse-powered buses.

2. Women's Suffrage (1917)
The ability for women to vote and run for office marked a milestone in modern feminism's fight for equal rights.

3. Modern Civil Rights Movement (1960s)
Mandela, Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. both dedicated their lives to spreading the message of one humanity regardless of race, colour, religion or national origin.

4. Popular Culture (1960s)
One of the most prevailing influences of society is music, and increasingly easy access to it has created a YouTube generation of backyard singers.

5. Green Movement (1970s)
When the UK first came together to discuss the state of the global environment, there were already concerns of widespread pollution from World War II.

6. Fall of Communism (1989)
Communism by itself was dictatorial and noble, however in reality, sharing resources equally was beyond human capability.

7. The Internet Age (1990s)
When the world wide web was made free, it marked the revolution of knowledge and ideas.

8. Social Media (1990s)
With the creation of the internet, people were able to socialize over the computer, although interestingly, social media started with the phone.

STRESS RELIEF

If you're one of those who watches movies on your iPhone or conducts a conversation via text during lectures, you'll know the risk of getting caught. Here's a way to relieve your stress and avoid boredom the next time you find yourself in a crowded room where it's as quiet as a grave-yard. What's more, you don't need to have any fancy phones or silencing methods (i.e. earplugs). See? We know how to make you smile.

WHAT TO DO

1. Cut out the face.
2. Fold the face in half along the solid line away from you.
3. Then fold the dotted lines towards you, so that you create a "W" shape with the creases.
4. Now hold the creased face so that it faces you.
5. To make him SMILE, tilt the face in reverse so that his chin comes towards you.
6. To make him FROWN, tilt the face in reverse so that his chin comes towards you.
7. You can reverse the folds, and reverse the order of his expressions.

INSTANT SMILE AND FROWN!

ALSO WORKS ON THESE:

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