

## sacai Men's Spring & Summer 2024 Collection, Women's Spring 2024 Collection

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Designer and founder, Chitose Abe explores sacai's signature codes, taking some light inspiration from 70's punk and the spirit that came of a cultural movement that reacted to another time when the world seemed in flux. Seen through Abe's eyes, sacai always looks towards the future with hopeful positivity and, this time, plays with notions of uniform, 'head to toe', 'inside out' and experimenting with volume to make a new shape.

The idea of uniforms and uniformity leads to a 'head to toe' approach to dressing, where the jacket, shirt and pants match, making the ultimate expression of a total look, whether pinstripe, denim, flower print or re-contextualizing other traditional fabrics.

Classic suiting is 'hybridized', a device that's always been at the heart of the house. Denim is bonded to suiting fabrics; flower print is spliced with moleskin born of 1940's French workwear, with the pattern this time re-created through cutting and sewing, coming to life as an appliqué detail.

The exploration of suiting fabrics - pinstripe, tweed, and cotton gabardine - continues with another familiar sacai trope, making a new silhouette from something familiar. This time, folded pleats are used as a device to shrink proportions and make something smaller by reducing volume, appearing as generous peplums, pants and skirts, or as intricate folds incorporated into knitwear. A sleeveless trench is slashed and the fabric concertina and condensed to make a narrower shape. The remix of tradition continues with an 'inside out' idea, inverting familiar clothing archetypes to give them a new perspective.

An on-going friendship with Carhartt WIP expands on the idea of bonding - their famous 'duck' fabric melded with suiting, two Carhartt WIP jackets bonded together to make a new one or a Carhartt WIP overall bib bonded to pleated dress.

Punk's infamous proclamation is re-mixed by sacai, with a play on words that becomes 'Know Future', a hopeful declaration that anticipates a positive future world.