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Jill Stuart RTW Spring 2018

For her 25th anniversary, Jill Stuart reimagined archival favorites for modern day.



Spring was inspired by a botanical garden (surprise!). She showed a variety of garden blooms on her signature ethereal dresses, sheer lightweight blouses and trousers. What set the eclectic tone was her stylistic choices — layering the aforementioned dresses over ribbed knit dresses or bodysuits, floral nylon over cotton poplin floral pants and knitwear, or blouses under delicate lace and stripes for a mashup of cool pattern play. Understanding that women are more adventurous with their sartorial choices today, she used sheer polka dots as a quirky layering tool, while striped shirting and patent leather countered the feminine signatures. In a show about the power of femininity, Stuart was eager to collaborate with young female designers, including Lady Grey, who provided jewelry and Zana Bayne, who made the structured leather belts.