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Images: vogue.com. From left: Erdem, Mary Katrantzou and Simone Rocha.

LFW (London Fashion Week) has unveiled SS19's underdog accessory of the century. We're rooting for it to catch on and no longer just be reserved for special occasions (weddings, funerals and the like). So why should veils make a comeback? They're an agent of mystery and a barrier from the outside world. Veils also master elegance and the art of subtle statements.

Why Veils Should Make a Comeback.

Mystery

“Who is that?” we can imagine someone asking in response to a person walking by adorned with a veil. There is something instinctually wired in humans to seek answers. Something inherently tantalizing about mystery. Possibly our imagination plays a large role in captivating our fantasies of the unknown. Whatever the reason we always want to know *who it is* or *what we’re missing*. A veil can shroud your face just enough to bring a sense of mystery. An ethereal beauty just beyond reach.

Barrier

Just like many other things, a veil can act like a barrier between you and the world. If no one could know who you are would you be bolder? Would you try new things? Would you feel more confident? There’s something powerful about losing your identity— something very freeing. Not that these soft tulle veils will hide your identity, quite the opposite people will probably notice you and look at you more. However, having that thin fabric between you and everyone else still acts like a barrier making you feel untouchable, safe and free. So be bolder, but do remember just because you feel like a John Doe, doesn’t mean you are one.



Mary Katrantzou and The Veiled Lady by Sculptured Arts Studio

Mastering Elegance

Sculptors have captured and mastered elegance by smoothing and softening the hardest of materials, but what might be one of the most exceptional techniques is known as wet drapery. This allows the artist to show the contours and the shape of a subject despite them being fully covered, mimicking the way a veil would cover a face or drapery would cover a body. Just like these sculptures, the thin forming fabric of a veil creates a delicate finish to your outfit –lacquering your features in an elegant varnish.

A Subtle Statement

At one time in history many people wore veils, so wearing a veil would not have been anything out of the ordinary. However today veils are not common. If you saw someone in a veil, our guess is you’d notice them, and you’d probably want to know who it is. The veil, often historically worn for concealment has taken a new role in the fashion world, consistently maintaining its delicate aesthetic but now as a statement piece.