



CHRISTOPHER RAEBURN - "SHADOW" A/W09 Womenswear Collection

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Christopher Raeburn explores a dual design vision in his debut womenswear collection for London Fashion Week Autumn/Winter 2009. Presenting a concise range of beautifully functional outerwear garments constructed from original military parachute fabrication, the designer pays homage to the idea of 'future heritage' by duplicating each design in pure, black, British wool.

Shadowing each silk parachute garment with its own heavy wool counter-part results in a thoroughly modern capsule of contrasting weights, silhouettes and textures.

A skilfully resolved, dual layer olive green parka, integrates seaming and cords from the original parachute to showcase the military functionality that Raeburn so carefully respects. Features such as a popped shower-proof zip front and wind resistant pockets, mean the objective of the original vessel remains true.

A fully reversible cape and fishtail coat are testament to the fine attention to detail that Raeburn demands in all his garments. Inverting autumn gold against olive green parachute and over-dyed "Scheertarn" snow camouflage against black wool produces a dappled autumnal colour palette.

A cropped quilted bomber jacket, featuring a hand embroidered circular quilting pattern mimicking Swedish digital snow camouflage netting is a highlight of the collection. The zipped hood detail and the elegantly adjustable popped cuffs again reflect Raeburn's contemporary, urban outlook.

Also featuring a poncho, hoody and sprinter jacket, Christopher Raeburn's A/W09 collection considers traditional construction techniques adapted for modern lifestyles. Proudly 'remade' and produced in the designer's East London studio, the collection will be showcased at the Ethical Fashion Forum Innovation exhibition at London Fashion Week from the 23rd to the 24th of February.

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Christopher Raeburn constructs high-end, innovative street wear from re-deployed military fabrics. Raeburn sources his fabrics from de-commissioned military stock and re-designs to create ethically intelligent garments for the contemporary city dweller