

Glitter Bomb / Runway Collection: Long Lines, Sex Bomb, Fly High, Hot Shot, Big Arms

2023

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Glitter clothing, due to its metallic fibres sets off metal detectors, blinding the scanners. Tansel experienced this glitch as she was passing through the security in an airport wearing a shimmery jumper. Glitter is carried with pride in the feminist and queer movements. It is a playful, joyful material as it tricks the eye with its multifaceted shimmer. Blurring the vision therefore the borders, binaries disappear and the bodies are liberated. It connects bodies, leaving a residue of contact which lingers on for a few days. It is a contrasting material to the highly sanitised airports where the security personelle is trained to catch expressions of emotions as a potential threat.

Chosen for all these reasons, glitter bombing has been an act of protest against homophobia and anti-feminism in which activists throw glitter on politicians at public events.

The garments from the “Glitter Bomb / Runway Collection” are all stitched with glitter threads, carrying slogans with double meaning, as a reference to the feminist and queer movements’ threat on our patriarchal societies. The beeping garments are fractures in the constructed ideas of public security which involves gender.



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