

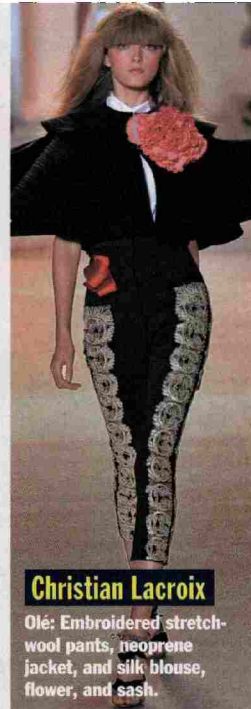


Chanel
 Tiered up: Silk lamé skirt, silk tulle blouse, metal-and-resin belt, and lambskin-and-PVC shoes.

Bullfighter Francisco Rivera Ordóñez



Anna Sui
 Lady of Spain: Silk tulle jacket. Jumpsuit by House of Petro Zillia. Necklace by Erickson Beamon.



Christian Lacroix
 Olé: Embroidered stretch-wool pants, neoprene jacket, and silk blouse, flower, and sash.

Reign in Spain

By Michael Carl

Tune your guitar, polish your castanets, and break open the Rioja. Designers are paying tribute to Andalusia—one of Spain's largest, hottest, and most theatrical regions, where bullfighting and flamenco are traditional pastimes. And their flamboyant influence could be seen strutting down the runways. Anna Sui's richly embroidered jacket with broad epaulets is opulent and a touch macho. But pair it with jeans and a simple T-shirt, and the look goes from severe to sexy. Chanel's flamenco-inspired skirt hugs the hips and then unfurls in a shower of ruffles that makes my heart beat staccato. Any matador would envy the elaborate gold filigree on Christian Lacroix's slim wool pants, as well as the red flower punctuating the ballooning jacket. The only other accessories these extravagant creations need are a great pair of sandals—though you couldn't run with the bulls in them.



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