

Junya Watanabe

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Background

- Junya Watanabe was born in 1961, Fukushima Japan.
- He is a Japanese designer well known for his take part under the brand Comme Des Garçons.
- Graduated from Japan's top class fashion school, Bunka Fashion College, he entered his apprenticeship under Comme des Garçons as a patternmaker.
- He started his own line under Comme Des Garçons called 'Junya Watanabe Comme Des Garçons' in 1993 and began showing in Paris that same year.

His style

What interests me the most was his way of working with garments. The way he designs his clothes is through experimentations, endless reworking garments into fresh constructions. His mind works magic by turning something simple into extraordinary pieces of art.



2000 s/s ready to wear show

Blending function and delicate beauty was the leitmotiv for Watanabe's entire presentation.

Making simple materials spontaneous



2005 s/s ready to wear

Watanabe knocked together raw-edged ruffled cotton blouses and peasant dirndls, and hammered on zippers and snaps in place of decoration in his spring collection.

Watanabe often uses one fabric for each collection, when he dissects and catalogs his designs, his approach is almost scientific. In his 2016 fall collection, he used polyurethane bonded with nylon tricot to explore geometric structures around human bodies. These materials are more commonly used for industrial purposes. Every fold, pinch revolved around the models' bodies as if the practice of doing so just happened to become a piece of clothing.



2016 f/w ready to wear

Math and geometry

Origami

3D cutting technology

made in industrial materials

Thank you