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Fashionites on the American and European circuit must have heard about "clothes for the millennium" so much that we're all wondering "what will we wear?" Fashion is inevitably linked to time - last year, this year and the moment's dominant look. The most notable undercurrent, no matter what the look, was relaxed.

Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana's glamorous collection featured romantic hand-painted butterflies and flowers on laminated stretch silks and mercury fabrics much like Reynolds wrap. Donatella Versace showed a spectacular group of skintight pinstripes with silver metallic touches. Lengths varied from thigh-high to ankle in most collections.

Russia's Valentin Yudashkin showed a marvelous black sheer gown brush stroked with bugle beads; Jean Louis Scherrer designed a spectacular gown of wild pheasant. Animal print was still on the fashion scene in a dramatic mylar fringed coat trimmed with fox designed by France's Carven. Gucci's Tom Ford dwelled on the casual mood with long black skirts and ankle-length pants. Skinny belts, sequined sweaters, and plastic trimmed shoes, high and low-heeled accessorized casual and

evening wear. Colors ranged from vibrant yellow to deep blues in velvet, satin, silk and cybershine fabrics.

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