BRAND PORTFOLIO

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BRAND VIDEO























BRAND STORY

The heart of child is the core of the brand's artistic pursuit. The brand features young women who dare to be unapologetically themselves and show their fondness for cuteness and childish, unsophisticated interests. They are free, bold and energetic, in the meanwhile, soft, pure and determined inside.

DRESS-UP GAMES is a newborn independent womenswear brand. Established by Yu Cao, a young female Chinese designer who has studied at both the China Academy of Arts and University for the Creative Arts, DRESS-UP GAMES is set up in London in 2021 and will be based in Shanghai, as it is targeted at Chinese young women.

The brand name, DRESS-UP GA-MES, originates from a type of children's game in which costumes or clothing are put on a virtual character or a doll, conveying the hopes of enabling customers to become what they want to be like. The brand derives its name from its identity: the heart of child, which is brave, pure, soft and liberal. The style of the brand can be defined as childish, cute and imaginative.

In today's society, there always seems to be an obvious connection between maturity and abandoning childish, unsophisticated hobbies or interests. However, to become an adult shouldn't mean relinquishing what makes us or apologising for it. Going full girl power doesn't only include violently reclaiming the autonomy and dressing like a man, but it also means presenting in a way that makes oneself happy, with no fears of others' judgements. DRESS-UP GAMES focus on the feminine natural energy, demonstrating females' passions and love for life and fantasy.

DRESS-UP GAMES aims to produce clothes which are sustainable, comfortable and body-friendly, meanwhile making women feel energetic, confident and empowered even if they are not in a power suit. Furthermore, DRESS-UP GAMES uses high-quality, sustainable materials to make sure the clothes are long-lasting, and also includes basic and functional garments that can be easily matched and meet different purposes.

BRAND VISION

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As a newborn brand, DRESS-UP GA-MES will firstly join in Fashion Brand Incubation Programme in order to get commercial and branding support. By attending fashion weeks and using Internet marketing strategies, DRESS-UP GAMES will gain popularity and start to develop brand loyalty among the target consumers. A professional online store, as well as the official social media accounts, are to be established, as a way to convey the brand's value and provide a better purchase experience and communication. The products will be mainly sold in buyers shop and pop-up stores.

Within 4 years, DRESS-UP GAMES is going to open its own store in Shanghai, the fashion centre of China. After that, the brand will consider expanding into the global fashion market, with a focus on Asia. The brand name, DRESS-UP GAMES, originates from a type of children's game in which clothing is put on a virtual character or a doll. It conveys the hopes for enabling customers to become what they want to be like.

MISSION STATEMENT

DRESS-UP GAMES is to help its customers to capture " the heart of child ", to keep them young, cute and imaginative, and most importantly, to make them brave enough to be unapologetically themselves.

DRESS-UP GAMES is all about encouraging females to show their natural energy. The brand believes that there is no need for any girls to hide their cute and soft sides or abandon their childish thoughts and hobbies. Everyone has the right to wear little dresses with ruffles and bowknots as long as that makes you happy.



DESIGN CONCEPT



Kidult is an amalgamation of kid and adult, which means an adult who claims to be a kid at heart and is still keen on youth culture. Kidult is also a childlike attitude toward life, where adults still have the curiosity of children and the personality that is imaginative, playful, light-hearted and uninhibited.



Trational elements

Embroidery

Silky shine

Sustainabe& comfortable fabric

COLOUR BOARD



Considering the target consumer group, this collection's colour reference mainly comes from Youth Colour Forecast S/S 23. For youth, bright colours are central in the S/S 23 palette to reflect optimism and joy. To demonstrate kids' innocence within adults' hearts, Macaroni colours will reduce the strong contrast brought by various bright colours, connecting to a lively but mild, gentle feeling.

PANTONE COLOUR CARD



FABRIC BOARD



According to the mateiral research, silky and natural fabric are the trends of womenswear. This collection will mainly use fabrics made from natural fibers such as silk, linien, cottin, etc., which are sustainable and can provide with comfortable wearing experience. Lightweight silk and sheer will offer a soft and dreamy feeling and shows femininity and romance. Some structured silk can not only bring pretty drape s but also form playful silhouettes.



INSPIRATION & EXPERIMENT



I got the inspiration for textile experimentation from my childhood photos. To better preserve the old photos, my family always make them laminated. This sealed form of preservation shows the cherishing of the memories. This also became the reason why I chose sheer organza as the main fabric as well as the basic way of textile remaking. The choice of pearls as the content was inspired by the marbles, one of my favourite childhood games.

DESIGN SKETCH















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COLOUR MATCHING









COLOUR REFERENCE





DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

MIX & MATCH

ADJUSTMENT & DETAILING









LINE UP



VISUAL RANGE PLAN

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STATEMENT OUTFIT















3D DEVELOPMENT

TOILE ON MANNEQUIN







TOILE IMPROVEMENT



TOILE FITTING











Problems: 1. the weight of the pearls forms huge changing the silhoute of the skirt 2. without supportive items, the pearls in down because of the loose thread,









solution: add tubes on the hern of both the outwear skirt and the underskirt, and put 2 different sizes of bone circles into the tubes.



WEBSITE

https://dressupgamesofficial.wixsite.com/home







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START

An eye-catching home page plays an important role on the website. I wanted to design a playful home page which could convey the brand identity. I got the ideas from the starting page of games. With 4 pictures sliding behind a huge, bold title of the brand name, the "START" button will gradually appear. By clicking on it, customers can start to explore the website just like playing a game.

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