

KYOTO SPRING

March 2005

Design Inspiration

This ensemble was inspired by a guild “Fan Challenge” and a scallop-edged Armani jacket seen in Milan. A swing jacket pattern was redesigned to incorporate fan-shaped sections and the purse was created from an enlarged picture of a vintage Japanese fan. The machine embroidery was inspired by the cherry blossom pattern on the skirt and the shapes of the skirt and camisole were selected to continue the fan theme.

Fabrics

Jacket and purse: silk dupioni.

Skirt: polyester crinkle georgette.

Camisole: silk charmeuse.

Embellishments

Jacket and Purse: embroidery from Thread Artist Designs #186; double needle quilting.

Camisole: tucks and sashiko quilting.

Patterns

Jacket: design derived from McCalls 4599 and Vogue 7501.

Camisole and skirt: Vogue 7850 (modified from dress).

Purse: original design.

Special Sewing Techniques

For the purse and for each fan-shaped jacket section, 3 or 4 smaller embroidery designs were combined and edited in software. Colors were carefully graduated throughout the design. A large embroidered button completes the closure on the purse. The skirt is trimmed with a circular ruffle and finished with narrow hems. The camisole is decorated with tucking and quilting on the bodice, and is finished with a 3-dimensional cherry-blossom applique.

Exhibitions and Awards

Viewer's Choice Award, Bernina University XXXV, May 2005.

2nd place, Full Ensemble, Mid-Atlantic Wearable Art Festival XII, February 2006.

3rd place (purse only), Accessories, 2006 Stitch-Off Competition, April 2006.

1st place (jacket only), Nancy's Notions Jacket and Vest Challenge, May 2006.

1st place, Wearable Art, International Quilt Festival Houston, November 2006.

2nd place, Wearable Art, Quilter's Heritage Celebration, March 2008.