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Introducing a forthcoming Special issue to celebrate the best of British fashion.



# **Great British Fashion**

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# Introducing our new spring collection

In post-war Britain, austerity soon gave way to a love of fashion that has now grown to become a national industry, employing around a million people and contributing some £21 billion to the nation's coffers.

Britain also enjoys worldwide renown for the creativity of its designers and the excellence of its fashion houses In fact, from the streamlined elegance of Norman Hartnell's creations, through the 60s psychedelia of Granny Takes a Trip and on to Alexander McQueen's dramatic design ethos. British fashion has always represented the cutting edge of couture.

That's why, inspired by the popularity of the Mary Quant mini skirt stamp from 2009's British Design Classics issue, we are delighted to introduce this flamboyant Special issue, featuring ten of the most influential names in British fashion.

To do their wonderful creations justice, each has been shot by award-winning fashion photographer Sølve Sundshø. He has captured the essence of every outfit by eschewing the use of manneguins and instead casting models whose silhouettes represent the bodily ideals of each era, in poses that also recapture their zeitgeists.



#### Mint Stamps

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