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Jason Wu Runway Review

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Jason Wu's Fall collection showcases his designing strengths via ladylike and figure-flattering clothing, while still adding Asia-inspired flare and a pop of grit. Vibrant reds and subdued blue-grays pop atop intricate designs, making his collection one that stands out among others at this NYFW.

His models are by no means ugly, but high ponytail styles tend to flatter more angular jawlines than the soft round shapes of their faces. It would have been nice to see a topknot or a more complementary hairstyle to add to the collection's appeal.

The accessories were mostly spot on. The studded bags and dark gloves combined well, but did not overpower his designs. The only off-putting accessory was a strange, redtasseled hat that looked more at home on a bullfighter than an haute couture model.

Not everything was perfect—some of the clothing, such as the overly feathered skirts and the aforementioned hat stood out. The military-inspired jackets and the beautifully patterned dresses also seemed a bit out of place among some of the more lovely pieces. Wu's line combined risk taking looks with his signature, beautiful style. Some collections can be too over the top, almost unrecognizable as the designer's

creations, but with Wu's collection, the overall look stays true to his designing aesthetic.

The first half of his collection began with an array of blues and grays in subdued hues that can look boring when admired by a dull eye, but intricate gold patterns and high collars made them look fresh. After the blues came patterned dresses paired with stiff jackets and studded handbags, the dresses fitting seamlessly into the collection. Next came vibrant reds overlain with red lace and detailed with pointy sleeves. The red tops Wu paired with pink-and-black skirts worked well, too. This collection had a good mix of pants, jackets, skirts and dresses and his final look was a flowing navy dress with a jacket that matched perfectly.

Movie stars love Jason Wu and his ready-to-wear fashions. From *Glee* star Lea Michele to Oscar-hopeful Michelle Williams, his fashions have appeared on every one with good taste. Jason Wu's clothes seem to look good on every body type—surely, one of the reasons they are so popular.

His new collection for Target is gorgeous and budget-friendly. The tops are bright, the dresses sweet, and everything costs between \$30-45. Wu's clothes are always goodlooking—from the runway to Target, he always puts on a show.

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