

# PRÊT-À- PLEAT

by NAWAL GEBREEL



*The* latest collection from accessories designer Nawal Gebreel presents a series of opulent origami shapes, sultry swirls, metamorphosed silks and of course the label's signature - of perfect pleats in abundance. Elaborate scarves dominate this collection and range from day to evening - simple to the more avant-garde. Nawal's work is heavily influenced by tactile textures, the rhythms of nature, Japanese paper-folding and shibori techniques; whilst also drawing from her worldwide expeditions through Europe, Russia, Pakistan, China, Japan and the Americas.

Nawal uses innovative 3D fabric manipulations to produce the label's luxurious scarves and wraps. Using a rich colour palette and only the most sumptuous textiles, each design has its own versatility and can be worn as both casual or a more elegant evening look.

Each item is handmade, stitched and fused with a variety of fabrics to retain each pleat even after wear or wash. The abundance of technique is extraordinary as is the depth of craftsmanship. Nawal's ability to work fabrics into art into fashion makes each item personal and unique.

#### NOTES TO EDITOR:

Nawal Gebreel is based at Liverpool's Bluecoat Arts Centre, the oldest surviving building in the city centre dating from 1717. The Bluecoat recently underwent a refurbishment and re-opened for Liverpool's European Capital of Culture Year 2008

Recent commissions and contributions include the Royal Academy London, The Guggenheim, New York's Museum of Art & Design and the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles

Pieces start from £80 to £150, and then on an increasing scale for the more elaborate. Nawal Gebreel is sold at select retailers in the UK, Europe, USA and Japan, and are also made to order via her website

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