

ALUMINIUM COUTURE

In 1967 Paco Rabanne produced a number of tunic dresses made of pieces of aluminium. One, assembled from linked aluminium panels with the bodice panels centred with studs, sold at auction at Christie's in October 2008 for £15,000.

Known as l'enfant terrible of the French fashion world in the 1960s, Paco Rabanne used unconventional materials including aluminium, paper and plastic for his outlandish and flamboyant designs.

