



Dior



Gucci



Valentino

Globally for SS '17, designers have embraced the fairy-tale style and are offering contemporary takes on tutu skirts and gowns. What was once reserved for childhood dreams and young girls has transcended to adult life as designers find ways to give the 'princess' look a grown-up appeal. Gauzy gowns come to life on the runway in various colors and styles, evoking the wonderment and aspirational femininity that fairy tales tend to exude.

Gallivanting down the runway at **Gucci**, **Valentino**, **Dior** and **Rochas**, to name a few in on the trend, were not the minimalist pieces that have been overwhelmingly represented in many collections season after season, but a resurgence of femininity in the form of flirty, flowing frocks in fabrications such as tulle and organza. Like a breath of fresh air, layer upon layer of sheer material adorned in embroidery and

shimmering sequined details gleamed at Gucci and Valentino via, primarily, long ruffled gowns. Dior was slightly more contained offering both a maxi and mini dress option in white tulle, and a cherry-red pleated skirt to brighten up the mix. On the other hand, Rochas was a heavy-hitter for this trend, with over a dozen of its looks incorporating the fine fabrics; key techniques included dresses with gauzy hems, and sheer skirts layered over textured or printed styles.

And what about retailers? This trend has thus far been mostly incorporated through midi-skirts and embroidered tunics. Luxury department stores including **Saks Fifth Avenue**, **Barneys New York** and **Harrods** currently run the gamut from tops to ball gowns. Looks like the dream world of gauze is here to stay for a few seasons.