# Vogue On Elsa Schiaparelli: The Surrealist Fashion Icon

Elsa Schiaparelli was an Italian fashion designer known for her surreal and unexpected creations. She was one of the most influential designers of the 20th century, and her work continues to inspire fashion designers today.



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Schiaparelli was born in Rome, Italy, in 1890. She began her career as a dressmaker, but she quickly became known for her unique and avant-garde designs.

In 1927, Schiaparelli opened her first boutique in Paris. Her designs quickly caught the attention of the fashion world, and she soon became one of the most popular designers in the city.

Schiaparelli's designs were often surreal and unexpected. She used unconventional materials, such as feathers, fur, and plastic, and she often

incorporated elements of art and design into her clothing.

One of Schiaparelli's most famous designs is the "Lobster Dress." The dress was made of white silk and featured a large lobster embroidered on the bodice. The dress was worn by Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor, and it caused a sensation when it was first seen.

Schiaparelli also designed costumes for films, such as "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Wizard of Oz." Her costumes were often as surreal and imaginative as her clothing.

Schiaparelli's work was influential in the development of modern fashion. Her designs helped to break down the traditional boundaries of fashion, and they continue to inspire designers today.

#### Schiaparelli's Legacy

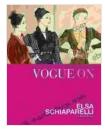
Elsa Schiaparelli died in 1973, but her legacy continues to live on. Her work has been featured in numerous exhibitions around the world, and her designs continue to be worn by celebrities and fashion icons.

In 2012, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City held a major exhibition of Schiaparelli's work. The exhibition was a celebration of her unique and influential designs.

Schiaparelli's work continues to inspire fashion designers today. Her surreal and unexpected designs have helped to shape the way we think about fashion.

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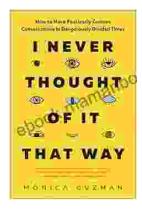
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