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## Turkish Translated

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THERE were plenty of innovative twists and turns, most notably in the fabric department, at the fourth edition of Istanbul Fashion Week. Staged in a converted power-station-turned-contemporary-art-complex, Turkey's talents showed what they were made of for autumn/winter 2011-12.

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But then again, this is Europe's second (and the world's fourth), largest textile supplier. Now it seems, a new generation of Turkish designers are tapping into all that luxe leather, cashmere, silk and fur for themselves.

Case in point: designer **Arzu Kaprol**, who unveiled a series of sculptural leather pieces. "We have such a strong craft culture in Turkey - that's why my entire collection is made right here in Istanbul," says Kaprol, who also makes her debut on the Paris runways next month.

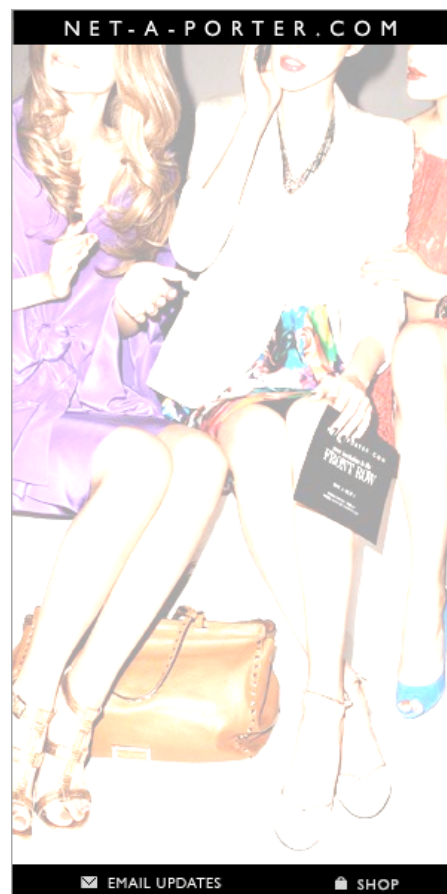
Meanwhile, **Atil Kutoglu** branded chevron patterns onto velvet and tulle maxi dresses, while Simay Bülbül sliced into suede to create cobweb effects, which she then paired with lace in floor-length leather skirts and dresses. The results were pure Princess Leila.

There was royalty of another kind in the presence of Jermaine Jackson - who sat in the front row at Atil Kutoglu. **Dita Von Teese** swapped her usual corsets and fishnets for a top hat and tux at Damat. And then came the models, including Turkey's Ozge Vlusoay and Tülin Şahin - and Russia's Irina Shayk.

Looking ahead, Istanbul aims to keep the fashion momentum going at Shopping Fest, a series of store events held around the city from March 16 - April 26. Worth noting here: luxury department store Beymen and independents such as Mapa, (Jil Sander-style cuts), and cool lifestyle label Mudo.



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