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Obsession and romance form the basis of Craig Green's third and final catwalk presentation through the TOPMAN and Fashion East MAN initiative at London Collections: Men.

Revisiting his personal love of complex colour and pattern combinations, Green's anti-digital leitmotif continues to resound through the painstakingly realised one-of-a-kind canvases in which this collection is rooted. Here print-making has been broken down to a labour intensive process of hand painting patterns, which relies on little more than muscle memory. Spliced and sewn together to elaborate and psychedelic effect, these become the core custom of dress in a richly imagined culture, whose origins cannot be placed.

The heavily layered assembly of these intricate motifs, paired with further raw and robust fabrications including felt, recycled Alcantara, and roughly panelled knits, offers a lo-fi form of opulence. With an oversized and in some cases fully flowing silhouette the effect is almost ceremonial. Here Green's signature concern for masculinity is presented through the vein of grand tradition. Re-thinking other trademarks, the always-distinct concern for utility becomes gestural, and almost heroically over-pronounced. This symbolism is the final touch of romanticising in this detailed portrait of a cult-like workforce.

Craig Green graduated from Central Saint Martins in March 2012, where he completed the MA after being given a full scholarship. His Masters collection won the L'Oreal Professionnel Award and was nominated for the Design Museum's 'Design of the Year 2013' award, sharing the fashion category with the likes of Prada, Louis Vuitton and Comme des Garçons. Green was also recently nominated for the British Fashion Awards – Emerging Menswear Designer 2013, and has collaborated in various projects with brands including Bally of Switzerland, New Era, Grenson, Purified and Adidas.

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Styling Julian Ganio

Hand-painted prints in collaboration with Helen Price

> Knitwear in collaboration with Helen Lawrence

Shoes Craig Green for Purified Footwear

> **Casting Director** Simon Lewis

Text Vincent Levy

Makeup Roisin Hurley Gondim and the M•A•C PRO team

> Leather pieces Cope & Vale

Hair John Vial for FUDGE

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Craig Green is currently on CFE's New Fashion Venture Programme which fast tracks emerging London-based designer labels supporting them for up to four seasons.



















