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The viscose and cotton of this elect RUFFLE-NECK DRESS by New book's DDCLAB are woven with 12 eccent Inox, a stainless-steel fiber that gives the piece antimicrobial antiradiation properties; \$580. book by special order through DDCLAB; (212) 414-5801 or www.ddclab.com

South African designer Alexander Koutny, whose next collection is based on the idea of matter moving through space, played with pleating and gauge to create the appearance of upward locomotion with his HERRINGBONE MINIDRESS. Contact designer for price. www.alexanderkoutny.com German-born, Chicago-based Anke Loh's experimental garments use light-transmitting fabrics, such as Philips' Lumalive and Luminex, an Italian textile whose optical fibers can transmit any color of light. This Luminex SHEATH DRESS, part of her Dressing Light collection, glows blue thanks to LEDs tucked into small underarm pockets, whose light is transmitted through wires that double as straps; \$2,200.

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