

DESIGNER: MARIA GRAZIA CHIURI

The Game Changer

*Fashion in 2017? Dior's Maria Grazia Chiuri
is the woman we need right now*



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To be Maria Grazia Chiuri takes guts. Last year saw her become the first female artistic director in Dior's 70-year history, a move that also marked her professional split from her design partner of 26 years, Pierpaolo Piccioli. "My desire to change has counted a great deal over the past 12 months," she says.

No kidding. Her first collection made headlines, in which tailoring and tulle stormed the S/S17 catwalk. The most talked-about piece? A T-shirt emblazoned with 'We Should All Be Feminists', the title of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's celebrated essay on feminism in the 21st century. Maria doesn't just seem to have an instinct for women's style, but for womanhood itself: "Women have an innate sense of curiosity which, combined with the ability to do several things at once, makes us extremely interesting." Ave Maria!

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