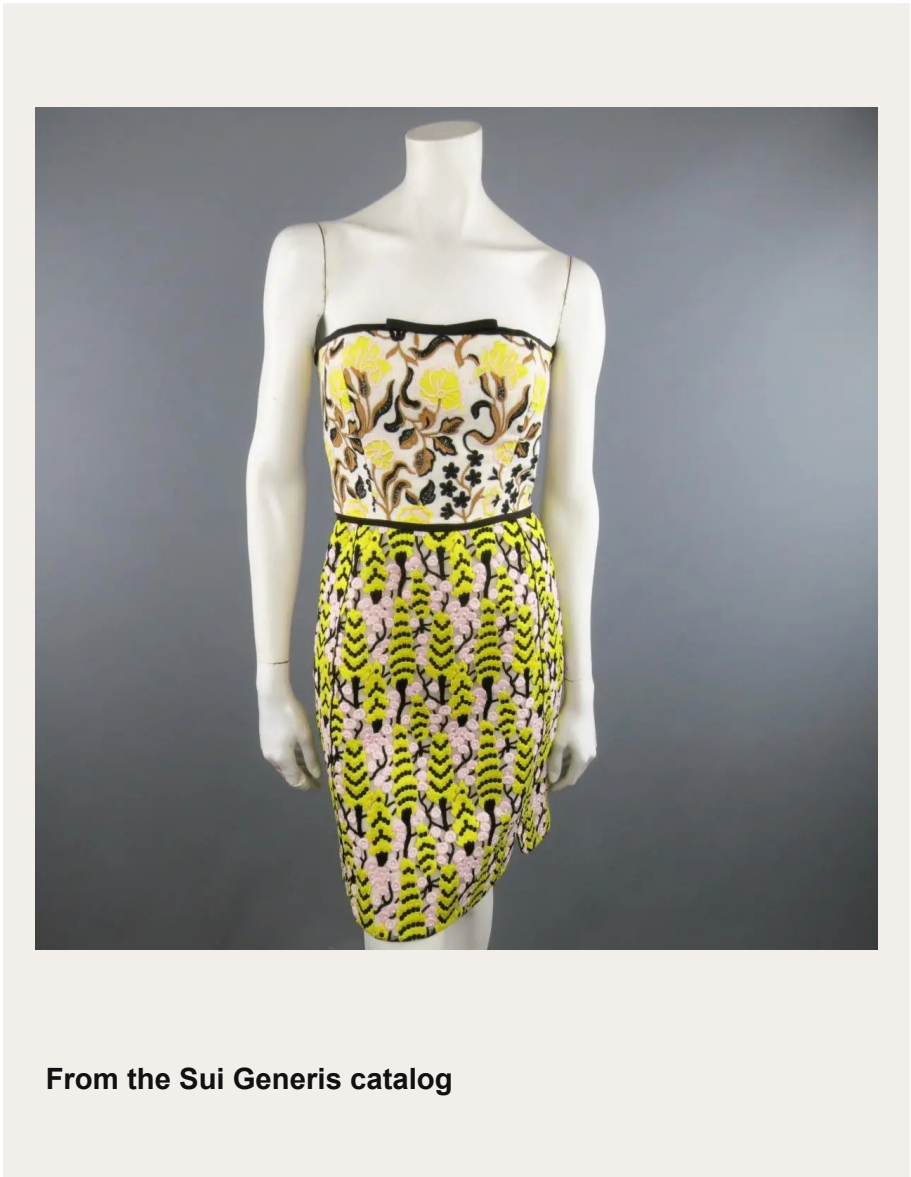


The people. The point of view.



THE BEGINNING

Giambattista Valli

Giambattista Valli launched his eponymous house in Paris in 2005, and presented his first Haute Couture collection in 2011. The house is known for romantic volume, floral textiles, ruffles, embroidery and highly finished occasion dressing, while also offering bags, shoes, belts and jewelry. Use 2005 ready-to-wear launch and 2011 couture debut as primary anchors. Runway imagery is especially useful because statement dresses and floral textiles are season-specific. For simpler separates, care/product references and retailer archives may provide better dating evidence.

FOUNDED

2005

ORIGIN

Paris, France

WHY THE DETAILS MATTER

Modern product/style references can help identify the exact piece through retailer or official records. No universal public serial/date code was identified across the house, so a number should be treated as a product/production reference until documented otherwise. Before 'decoding' anything, identify what kind of identifier it is: RN/business ID, style/article number, size code, supplier/production reference, serial, date mark, season code, inventory barcode, RFID/NFC or digital passport. Different identifier types answer different questions and are not interchangeable. Read the Giambattista Valli care label literally before trying to date it.

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Names, lines & relationships

Giambattista Valli

Parent designer label / ready-to-wear mainline

Women's ready-to-wear, gowns and accessories.

Giambattista Valli Haute Couture

Haute couture / atelier collection

Haute couture gowns and atelier-made pieces.

Giamba

2014

Historical sister / licensed ready-to-wear line

Younger, more accessible women's ready-to-wear and sportswear-inflected fashion.

Giambattista Valli current house architecture includes ready-to-wear/resort mainline and a separate Haute Couture calendar. Giamba is a legitimate historical sister/licensed ready-to-wear line launched in 2014; Vogue's separate Giamba archive currently ends at Resort 2020.

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A story in chapters

2005

Giambattista Valli

House origins · Giambattista Valli

2014

Giamba

Line / house introduction in the cited records

COLLECTION CONTEXT

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04 / A WORKED EXAMPLE FROM OUR CATALOG

Read the label. Find the details.



THE COMPLETE ITEM

GIAMBATTISTA VALLI US 2 / IT 38 Yellow Pink & Beige Linen & Lace Cocktail Dress

Marked size = the item’s original label. As a US company, Sui Generis lists a US size comparison; use the relevant brand/category chart and actual measurements to check fit.

THE LABEL / MARKING DETAIL



01 / WHAT YOU CAN READ

GIAMBATTISTA VALLI · PARIS ·
MADE IN ITALY

02 / HOW TO USE IT

Read the branding and manufacturing wording separately. This example includes PARIS in the house label and MADE IN ITALY on a separate tag.

03 / WHAT TO CHECK NEXT

Do not substitute the city in a logo for the manufacturing country. The fiber blend and size need their own readable tag photographs.

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SIZING / HOW TO READ OUR CATALOG

Marked size & your US size

The marked size is the size printed on the item's original label. Sui Generis is a US company, so our catalog uses a US size comparison to help our customers shop. A US listing size may therefore differ from the number on the designer's tag; it does not change the item's original marked size.

READ THE SIZING SYSTEM

FR or F means French; IT, I or ITA means Italian; JP means Japanese; UK or GB means British; US or USA means United States. D or DE means German. EU (or UE on some labels) denotes a European size where the relevant brand and category chart uses it. French and Italian clothing numbers are not interchangeable, and a manufacturing country does not identify a sizing system.

JAPANESE & BRAND NUMBERED SIZES

Some Japanese designers use their own numbered sizes, such as 1, 2 or 3. These are brand sizes, not automatically US sizes or a universal Japanese conversion. Use the chart for the specific brand, line and item.

MATCH THE CATEGORY. CHECK THE MEASUREMENTS.

When a tag prints several national sizes, retain the brand's own size table instead of substituting a generic conversion. Women's clothing, men's tailoring and footwear need different charts. Letter sizes, denim and accessories also need their own fit information. Compare the original marking, the relevant chart and actual measurements. Vintage fit, alterations and cut can change the fit; a US comparison is a guide, not a guarantee.

If the sizing system or original marking cannot be confirmed from the available photograph, we say so rather than assigning a country or inventing a conversion.

REFERENCE READING

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Maison Margiela: category-specific size guide

Yohji Yamamoto: measuring garments

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