



Matthieu Blazy for Chanel

THE NEW WAVE

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Matthieu Blazy, 41, snagged the most coveted job in fashion in December after a six-month search by Chanel. He has become only the fourth designer in Chanel's history, tasked with transforming the brand for a new generation.

Most recently he did exactly that for Bottega Veneta, with a fashion sleight of hand that made leather look like denim — and leather look like cotton, and leather look like flannel.

Now, as he comes home to Paris, he is expected to work a similar alchemy on the pearls, camellias and CCs of the house that Coco built and Karl Lagerfeld redefined.

QUESTIONS OF TASTE

I FEEL BEST WEARING Nothing

THE FIRST THING I LOOK AT IN ANOTHER PERSON IS His/her smile

I SKIMP ON Things for myself

I SPLURGE ON Things for my twin sister

I AM NEVER CAUGHT WEARING A printed T-shirt

I WILL NEVER GIVE UP The broken Bulova Accutron watch my father gave me

MY FAVORITE PIECE OF ART "The Three Graces" by Lucas Cranach the Elder

COLOGNE Vetiver

BOOKSTORE The Strand in New York

ISLAND Isla Nublar in "Jurassic Park"

ICE CREAM FLAVOR Stracciatella

PEN Staedtler HB2 pencil

BED LINEN Always white

PIZZA 4 Stagioni

DINNER PARTY MAIN COURSE Lemon chicken

COCKTAIL FOR A PARTY AT HOME Pims

COCKTAIL TO ORDER AT A BAR Negroni

CAR "Lowly Worm's Applecar," by Richard Scarry

FLOWERS FOR SAYING THANK YOU Poppies

JOKE The old French one about Flip Flap the Giraffe

LINEN OR SILK Silk poplin

TEXT OR VOICE NOTES Text

FOR A DINNER PARTY, CATERED OR HOME-COOKED Home-cooked

TRUTH OR DARE Dare

REGULAR WATCH OR SMARTWATCH Regular

HOTEL OR AIRBNB Both

ICEBERG OR ARUGULA Arugula

COFFEE OR MATCHA Coffee

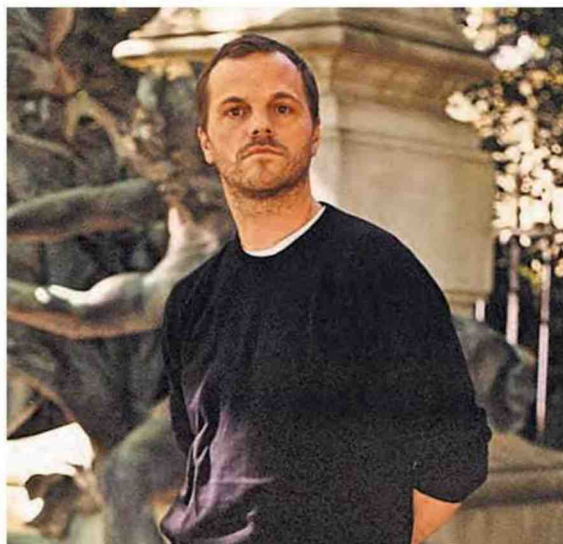
SPARKLING OR FLAT WATER Flat

GUM OR MINTS Mints

CREMATED OR BURIED Buried

ORCHIDS OR CACTUSES Cactuses, but outside

PISTACHIOS OR ALMONDS Neither



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Matthieu Blazy, photographed in the Luxembourg Garden in Paris.

