

## Bath Math

*Cut from Pythagorean geometry and a minimum of fabric, the spa wear of industrial designer Aziz Sariyer is as sophisticated as it is simple*  
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**ELEMENTAL:** Aziz Sariyer used cotton and ancient math to construct spa cover-ups like Bird (spread and inset right) and Cloth\_x (inset left), which converts from two towels into a skirt and halter



Using bath towels and sacred geometry, Istanbul-based industrial designer and founder of furniture brand Derin, Aziz Sariyer has just created a new collection of spa clothing for Turkish bath retailer Hamam. It turns out that Sariyer, 57, has been designing his own apparel since childhood (fabricated by special order), and is now readying his own fashion line for next fall. For Hamam, he conjured eight cover-ups using a minimum of terry and piquet cotton, adhering to the proportions of the Golden Ratio and adding only a rare snap, dart or incision.

Sariyer made two slits in a square of piquet to create Sage\_a, a hooded, sleeveless robe that doubles as a towel. "I thought, 'This is wisdom,'" he says. "You create something out of nothing." Twin is a robe made from two towels hung sash-like over opposite shoulders. Several pieces can be worn in multiple ways. Sky, for instance, consists of two circles of cloth that form either a skirt and bust-concealing collar or a strapless wrap with head cover. Sariyer associates Sky with local dervishes who do a whirling dance dubbed "facing the god." Indeed, each simple piece seems suited for both monks and concubines, evoking something sacred and profane, naïve and impenetrable. [hamam.com.tr](http://hamam.com.tr)