

Blake Lively Conquers the Met Gala with an Ode to New York.  
Breaking down our Met top pick.

As the Met Gala goes on yet another year as “fashion’s biggest night out” the extravagant red carpet event is full of creative and luxe costumes worn by the most popular celebrities. This 2022 Gala was themed as “The Gilded Age” where we saw many different stories as well as history being relived through these designs. We picked one top favorite to extract and appreciate, the one and only Blake Lively who was wearing none other than Versace to the grand event. Lively has been called “Queen of the Met Gala” in previous years, this year she came to confirm her title.

Blake showed up in a beautiful copper gown created by Versace, beaded with a satin copper bow around her waist. While making her grand entrance, three men in tuxedos arrived to unfold her train and make minor adjustments revealing beautiful turquoise accents and design. The gown was an ode to New York, one factor being the Statue of Liberty which was constructed in 1885 perfectly putting her in the Gilded Age era. The original dress Blake arrives in represents the Statue of Liberty in the initial copper look, once the entire design is presented you can see the turquoise patina which reflects the post oxidation of the monument. There was detailing from the Empire State Building on the inner panels,

a reversible train of her dress that incorporates a celestial map, inspired by the ceiling of Grand Central Station of New York. In considering that Lady Liberty also has seven spikes to represent the seven seas and continents, Blake Lively had to make sure her crown had seven spikes and 25 stones to represent the 25 windows on the monument as well.

Some of the draping had been referenced to the Statue of Liberty, Lively explained that the dress was a subtle tribute to New York in whole.

"I thought a neat perspective on the theme would be looking at the city that I love so much and the architecture, rather than just the fashion." Lively told reporters on the red carpet.

