

★ MIROITÉR VERGE — GENERAL PUBLICATION THEMES

THEME EXPLANATIONS + SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

✨ GLOSS

Shine • Mood • Modern Polish

Theme Description (Simple English):

Gloss is about shine — not just literal gloss, but visual polish, confidence, and mood. This theme loves sleek styling, reflective surfaces, clean light, and strong presence.

Think:

- ✓ glossy textures
- ✓ metallics, wet-look styling, or smooth fabrics
- ✓ beauty features like bold lips or clean skin
- ✓ styling that feels modern, cool, and elevated

Gloss can be playful, fashion-forward, or almost cinematic — as long as your images feel **refined, shiny, and visually striking**.

Submission Guidelines:

- ✓ Clean editing and intentional lighting
- ✓ Stylish posing — bold, confident, or mysterious
- ✓ Consistent tone across a set
- ✓ Fashion, beauty, or conceptual work welcome
- ✓ No over-processed images — shine should feel natural or styled, not artificial

📌 **Gloss Submission Deadline:** February 1, 2026

✨ Editorial Freedom / Open Canadian Expression

Theme Description

This open thematic category invites Canadian creatives to submit **their strongest editorial work without constraint**.

It is a celebration of Canada's diverse visual culture — from bold colour to quiet identity, from fashion to documentary narrative, from polished studio stories to raw on-location moments.

If the work reflects **intent, artistry, and Canadian voice**, it belongs here.

Fashion. Beauty. Culture. Concept. Lifestyle. Portrait. Narrative.
We welcome it.

Submission Guidelines

- ✓ originality — vision over trend
 - ✓ cohesive series or narrative arc
 - ✓ intentional style, lighting, and direction
 - ✓ connects to Canada through voice, perspective, style, identity, or place
 - ✓ high-quality technical execution
- ✗ avoid random image sets without cohesion — even open work must **speak with intention**.
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In Essence

Your voice. Your vision. Your Canada — defined through art.

 **Open Submission Deadline:** February 1, 2026

FORM

Shape • Identity • The Human Silhouette

Theme Description (Simple English):

Form is about the human body as art — shape, posture, presence, and structure.
This theme focuses on lines, silhouette, curves, motion, or stillness as visual storytelling.

Think:

- ✓ sculptural posing
- ✓ shadows and light defining shape

- ✓ wardrobe used to enhance silhouette
- ✓ movement frozen in a graceful or bold way

Form doesn't need to be literal —

it can be soft, sharp, athletic, delicate, expressive, or experimental.

Submission Guidelines:

- ✓ Pose intentionally — the shape matters
- ✓ Simple styling or strong styling — both work if form stays central
- ✓ Lighting should support shadow and structure
- ✓ Fashion, portraiture, fine art, editorial or conceptual all accepted
- ✓ No suggestive or inappropriate content — artistic form only

 **Form Submission Deadline:** March 1, 2026

Awakening Aesthetic

Theme Description

“Awakening Aesthetic” is the moment before bloom — where identity, style, and emotion begin to stir.

This theme invites Canadian creatives to explore gentle transformation through fashion, beauty, portraiture, lifestyle, or conceptual storytelling.

Think:

- ✓ soft movement
- ✓ early spring light
- ✓ pastel tonality or airy neutrals
- ✓ portraits with quiet confidence
- ✓ editorial work that feels reflective, calm, and renewing

This is a space for imagery that feels like **possibility** — the sense of becoming.

Submission Guidelines

- ✓ cohesive visual tone or colour story
- ✓ intentional posing, styling, or lighting
- ✓ natural or diffused light preferred
- ✓ fashion, lifestyle, portraiture, or conceptual imagery welcome
- ✓ minimal or thoughtful editing

✗ avoid intense drama, heavy contrast, or aggressive styling — the mood is **subtle, not loud**.

In Essence

Beauty in transition — the first breath of change.

 **Awakening Aesthetic Submission Deadline:** March 1, 2026