

Apparel Making In Fashion Design

Chained up in the hold of a French warship, Lusignan's only hope of escape rests with his captor - Captain Paul. A man with a mysterious past, Captain Paul is transporting Lusignan to exile in the West Indies. Little does he know that his mission is a sham. His prisoner is an innocent man, framed because he fell in love with a Count's daughter. Once the truth is revealed, Paul and Lusignan return to France, determined to seek justice. Inspired by the real life of American Revolutionary War hero John Paul Jones, "Captain Paul" is a rollicking melodrama, packed with action and romance. A fine precursor to Dumas' later classics, it's especially recommended for fans of naval adventures, like C.S. Forester's "Hornblower" series. Alexandre Dumas (1802 - 1870) was a hugely popular 19th Century French writer. Born of mixed French and Haitian heritage, Dumas first rose to prominence in Paris as a playwright, but later gained international fame with his historical fiction. Often co-authored with other writers, these stories wove together swashbuckling adventure, romance, and real events from France's past. Among the best known are "The Three Musketeers", and its sequels "Twenty Years After", and "Le Vicomte de Bragelonne: Ten Years Later". Set across four decades, this trilogy follows the rise of the dashing D'Artagnan—from hot-headed soldier to trusted captain under Louis XIV. Dumas' other novels include "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Black Tulip". His works have been adapted into more than 200 movies, including The Man in the Iron Mask starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

Designer's Guide to Fashion Apparel explores the creative process of apparel design and the development of a collection. From budget to couture, children's to men's and women's, fashion-forward to traditional and formal to active, the text demonstrates the proper application of design principles in creating aesthetically pleasing apparel while emphasizing the importance of production parameters as dictated by the needs of the target consumer. Written from an industry perspective, the book is intended to nurture the student's interest in design while providing the thorough grounding needed for a successful career in the business.

Computerized Patternmaking for Apparel Production takes a unique approach to learning Gerber AccuMark technology. This book includes all the procedures that the fashion industry uses to create a style and rush it to a factory for cutting and mass production. Through 20 lessons focusing on patternmaking, digitizing, grading, and marker making, students will grasp the cycle of apparel production from patternmaking to cutting. This book bridges the gap between knowing what the software functions do and applying them in today's working environment.

After reading this book, you won't just be able to follow pattern making instructions - you will actually understand how and why pattern making works and be able to adapt the principles for yourself. The perfect introduction to the core principles of garment construction, "How Patterns Work" simplifies and explains the relationship between pattern making and the body. Instead of learning hundreds of separate pattern making processes, "How Patterns Work" will break the process into simple principles that can be applied to any pattern change. "How Patterns Work" has been designed with: Over 70,000 words of text content. Over 250 diagrams in crisp black, white and grey. A clear table of contents for easy reference. No previous knowledge of patterns or sewing

required. Chapters start from zero assumed knowledge and build slowly in complexity with step by step examples and clear diagrams. The first section of the book will answer questions such as: What are darts and how do they work with the curves of the body? What is seam allowance and how much should you add to your pattern? How are body measurements used to create accurate patterns? What are blocks and how are they different to patterns? What do the basic blocks look like? This first section of the book will also explain the overall anatomy of a pattern including the definition and uses of notches, drill holes, grain lines and body guidelines. All of the examples are shown in relation to how the pattern will ultimately be sewn, so that the principles become more relevant to real sewn garments. A large section of the book is devoted to pattern examples that can be used as a reference library to adapt and change to suit your own pattern making needs. The examples that are covered in this first section include: Adding a seam line. Removing a seam line. Moving the position of a dart. Turning darts into seam lines. Turning seam lines into darts. Increase volume evenly. Decrease volume evenly. Increase volume around a point. Decrease volume around a point. Using darts to increase volume. All of the examples listed above are shown using both the cut and spread, and the pivot flat pattern making methods, and then also shown as a draped section of fabric on a mannequin, allowing you to really see the pattern changes as both a flat pattern, and in a more tangible 3D form. Whether you are a novice fashion student, or an experienced home sewer this is the perfect book to simplify the terminology and principles behind complex pattern making books and sewing courses. Designed as a companion guide to other pattern making texts, "How Patterns Work" consolidates pattern making methods into simple, memorable processes - making this book a perfect refresher guide for even the most advanced pattern maker. Please note that this book does not include paper patterns and does not cover specific pattern drafting exercises. Instead, this book will provide you with an overview to simplify the way you think about pattern making, arming you with knowledge that can be applied to any pattern change.

"The Flat Pattern Method teaches you to customize your clothes with new pattern shapes, style lines, and details with step-by-step instructions!"--

Draping for Fashion Design, Fifth Edition, is the definitive basic instructional text for draping in numerous fashion design programs since its original publication. This book covers all of the fundamental material for beginning and advanced study in an intensive fashion design program and prepares students for the industry. Based on current industry methods, it reflects the dramatic changes of computer integration into the basic design and pattern development process and demonstrates simplified methods wherever they are employed in the industry. Updated throughout, the fifth edition offers a new chapter on children's wear, new illustrations, and revised diagrams that enhance clarity.

Zero Waste Fashion Design combines research and practice to introduce a crucial sustainable fashion design approach. Written by two industry leading pioneers, Timo Rissanen and Holly McQuillan, the book offers flexible strategies and easy-to-master zero waste techniques to help you develop your own cutting edge fashion designs. Sample flat patterns and more than 20 exercises will reinforce your understanding of the zero waste fashion design process. Beautifully illustrated interviews with high-profile,

innovative designers, including Winifred Aldrich, Rickard Lindqvist and Yeohlee Teng, show the stunning garments produced by zero waste fashion design. Featured topics include: The criteria for zero waste fashion design Manufacturing zero waste garments Adapting existing designs for zero waste Zero waste designing with digital technologies

Technical Sourcebook for Designers is completely devoted to preparing aspiring and professional apparel designers for the growing demand for technical design skills in the apparel industry. This comprehensive compilation presents technical design processes and industry standards that reflect current apparel production and manufacturing practices. Lee and Steen provide a holistic perspective of the role of technical design in apparel production, including such considerations as selection of fabrics, finding seasonal fashion trends, garment construction, and fit evaluation, all in the context of meeting the needs of the target consumer with cost-effective decisions. This edition includes a new section on real-life fit problems and solutions, more information on essential math for designers (such as grading and costing) plus coverage of product lifecycle management (PLM) and sustainability. An all new Chapter 8 on Sweater Product Design explores sweater design and manufacturing. More than 200 new images and newly added color in illustrations to show relevant design details. With versatile coverage of a variety of product categories including women's wear, menswear and knitwear, this text gives students essential tools to develop specification sheets and technical packages for specific markets.

This major textbook is designed for students studying textiles and fashion at higher and undergraduate level, as well as those needing a comprehensive and authoritative overview of textile materials and processes. The first part of the book reviews the main types of natural and synthetic fibres and their properties. Part two provides a systematic review of the key processes involved first in converting fibres into yarns and then transforming yarns into fabrics. Part three discusses the range of range of finishing techniques for fabrics. The final part of the book looks specifically at the transformation of fabric into apparel, from design and manufacture to marketing. With contributions from leading experts in their fields, this major book provides the definitive one-volume guide to textile manufacture. Provides comprehensive coverage of the types and properties of textile fibres to yarn and fabric manufacture, fabric finishing, apparel production and fashion

Focused on the needs of college and undergraduate students studying textiles or fashion courses Each chapter ends with a summary to emphasise key points, a comprehensive self-review section, and project ideas are also provided “Mary Gehlhar’s third edition of her seminal Fashion Designer Survival Guide is the definitive how-to for navigating the fashion industry, post-pandemic. Mary’s trailblazing book illuminates and inspires. She is a fashion treasure and this new edition is a rare gem.” Tim Gunn “The Fashion Designer Survival Guide is packed with essential knowledge and advice from industry experts and experienced designers to set you on the right path. These insights will give you the solid foundation to create a plan and make smart decisions...” Christian Siriano In this updated and expanded edition of The Fashion Designer Survival Guide, Mary Gehlhar, industry authority and consultant to hundreds of fashion design

entrepreneurs, offers behind-the-scenes insight and essential information to launch and grow your own fashion label. You'll hear from experts in social media, financing, and sales, along with advice from dozens of designers on solutions to their biggest challenges and their keys to success. A new section of full color photos from 25 independent designers bring the concepts to life. In this must-have guide, Gehlhar reveals essential information on: Creating a viable business plan Social media strategies to grow your customer base Maximizing online sales to get your designs directly into customers' closets Integrating sustainability in your sourcing and manufacturing Collaborating with influencers, stylists and brands to expand your audience Landing the right financing for your type of business Establishing wholesale partnerships with the best retail stores Navigating the pitfalls of production both at home and abroad Provides guidelines and advice on starting points for fashion designers of all levels, including defining and rendering concepts, understanding textiles, developing sewing skills, and building an audience.

This classic pattern making text provides clear and detailed instructions for creating dresses and their components - from skirts and bodices to sleeves and collars.

This text offers a complete picture of the process of individual garment construction following the exact techniques used in the industry. The unique feature of this book is its presentation of each garment as a whole concept. With numerous diagrams and easy-to-follow instructions, students master the principles of design and flat pattern to create an individual item of apparel. Each chapter begins with the introduction of a basic sloper and follows with an explanation of the whole production process-making a garment from pattern drafting to garment construction, including lining, interfacing and markers. The balance of each chapter covers techniques for altering separate pattern pieces.

Fashion Design for Living explores the positive contribution that the contemporary fashion designer can make within society. The book seeks to reveal new ways of designing and making fashion garments and products that not only enhance and enrich our lives, but also are mindful of social and sustainable issues. This book sets out to question and challenge the dominant, conventional process of fashion design that as a practice has been under-researched. While the fashion designer in industry is primarily concerned with the creation of the new seasonal collection, designed, produced and measured by economically driven factors, society increasingly expects the designer to make a positive contribution to our social, environmental and cultural life. Consequently an emergent set of designers and research-based practitioners are beginning to explore new ways to think about fashion designing. The contributors within this book argue that fashion designing should move beyond developing garments that are just aesthetically pleasing or inexpensive, but also begin to consider and respond to the wearer's experiences, wellbeing, problems, desires and situations, and their engagement with and use of a garment. Fashion Design for Living champions new approaches to fashion practice by

uncovering a rich and diverse set of views and reflective experiences which explore the changing role of the fashion designer and inspire fresh, innovative and creative responses to fashion and the world we live in.

Fashion Design: The Complete Guide is a modern and stylish introduction to working within the fashion industry today. Catwalk images show the latest trends and contributions from industry professionals span centres of fashion across London, Paris and New York. A fabulous selection of images and plenty of suggestions of further resources make this a useful and exciting springboard into a successful career in fashion. This behind-the-scenes guide to the study of fashion is for current and aspiring designers, fashion lovers and students. It provides an all-inclusive overview of the entire design process, covering the history of fashion, fashion illustration, colour and fabrics, the journey from concept to finished garment, research processes, presenting a collection and professional practice. It is generously illustrated throughout with images from famous designers, includes promising graduate work and showcases original artwork from a variety of studios. The new essential text for aspiring fashion designers, Fashion Design: The Complete Guide is filled with practical advice at every stage, including help with portfolios, personal promotion and career opportunities. With an attractive and colourful layout, every chapter also includes interviews, discussion questions, activities and further reading. The book is illustrated with beautiful examples of work from both established and up-and-coming designers, including Alexander McQueen, Viktor & Rolf, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Christian Dior, Anna Sui, Jonathan Saunders, Mary Katrantzou and Elie Saab, and pictures of style icons such as Tilda Swinton and Gwen Stefani.

Given its importance for consumer satisfaction and thus brand success, apparel fit is a major challenge for retailers and brands across the industry. Consequently there have been major developments in sizing research and how it can be used in apparel design. This book reviews how these developments are affecting clothing design for different groups of consumers. Part one identifies various aspects of body shape, size, volume and the psychological aspects of designing apparel. This section covers topics such as body shape and its influence on apparel size and consumer choices, sizing systems, body shape and weight distribution (with a discussion of the Body Volume Index (BVI) versus the Body Mass Index (BMI)), and the psychological and sociological factors influencing consumers' choice of apparel. Part two outlines the challenges in understanding the sizing and shape requirements and choices of particular customer groups. This section discusses apparel designed for infants and children, older consumers, overweight and obese consumers, plus size Black and Latino women, apparel design for Asian and Caucasian ethnic groups, sizing requirements for male apparel, maternity apparel, intimate apparel for varying body shapes, and the challenges of designing headwear to fit the size and shape of Western and Asian populations. Designing apparel for consumers provides an invaluable reference for apparel designers, manufacturers, and R&D managers in the textile industry, as well as postgraduate students and

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This comprehensive guide explores the fundamental sewing methods fashion designers need and teaches professional garment construction. Chapter One introduces sewing tools and machinery (including industrial machines). It discusses how to work with patterns and explains cutting-out methods. Chapter Two is devoted to different fabrics and how they work, focusing on the construction of a garment, including fastenings and trimmings, and the use of materials to support structured pieces, such as corsets. Hand-sewing techniques and basic seams are explored in Chapter Three. Techniques are demonstrated with step-by-step photographic guides combined with technical drawings. A guide to making garment details and decorations, such as pockets, waistlines, and necklines, is found in Chapter Four. Chapter Five addresses fabric-specific techniques, for everything from lace to neoprene. The best technical approaches to use for patternmaking and construction are discussed for each fabric. Catwalk images demonstrate how these kinds of techniques are employed by designers.

Garment assembly is fundamental to the creation of designs. This guide provides fashion students and designers with the knowledge of the techniques and components essential to the assembly of sewn products. Guide to Basic Garment Assembly for the Fashion Industry develops your understanding of which stitch and seam types to select for particular fabrics and garments. As well as the knowledge to construct a range of basic techniques to assemble entire garments using the correct components. It can be difficult to master the skills of garment assembly by reading alone: a visual demonstration of online videos, showing the steps of garment assembly for the following: Sewing darts Sewing front edge fastenings Inserting zip fastenings Attaching waistbands Assembling and attaching simple and complex pockets Sleeve opening construction Assembling and attaching cuffs Assembling and attaching collars Guide to Basic Garment Assembly for the Fashion Industry explains the essentials so you can turn your design ideas into reality

Covering the basic principles and the creative techniques behind making effective design drawings--the central pillar of fashion design--this guide is perfect for students as well as for professionals working in all branches of the garment and fashion industries. From hand drawing to using software applications, it explains how to create drawings that clearly and precisely illustrate the shape, material, pattern, color, and other elements of garments. Patterners, retailers, and fashion design students will rejoice in these comprehensive instructions for making design drawings understandable and expressive.

Leather Fashion Design is a practical introduction for students explaining how to make garments from leather, suede, and similar materials. It covers everything from what to look for in choosing a skin to work with, through pattern-making, sewing techniques, and finishing. The final chapter includes working with "leather-like" materials including ultrasuede and faux patent leather.

Pattern Design: Fundamentals is for beginners to the field of fashion design as well as self-guided learners. Pattern Design covers the basics of pattern making, terminology and drafting concepts. This drafting book combines knowledge of drafting with sewing

and construction. Note that this book does not contain draft-by-measure instructions.

An essential primer for students and first-stop reference for professionals, *The Fashion Design Reference & Specification Book* takes the fashion designer through the entire design process, from conceiving a garment to marketing it. This valuable handbook contains the information and ideas essential to planning and executing fashion projects of every scale and distills them in an easy-to-use format that is compact enough to slip into a tote. Linking six central phases in the cycle of fashion—research, editing, design, construction, connection, and evolution—*The Fashion Design Reference & Specification Book* helps designers develop effective strategies for building a cohesive collection and communicating their vision. The *Reference & Specification Book* series from Rockport Publishers offers students and practicing professionals in a range of creative industries must-have information in their area of specialty in an up-to-date, concise handbook.

The book is designed to provide uninitiated readers with the background necessary for an understanding and appreciation of fashion and apparel designing theory. Topics are systematically divided into two sections; origin of fashion, elements and principles of designing, the biographies of international designers and their famous labels and fashion in Chinese revolution are covered in section I. The second section has been devoted to the treatment of prints and basic silhouettes, knowledge of which is essential before a more comprehensive study of fashion concepts can be undertaken. I hope that this work would be useful for students, both at degree and diploma levels, as well as general readers. It should stimulate, inspire and encourage further study. The presentation is profusely illustrated with a large number of suitable figures and sketches to provide a graphics treatment of the subject.

The Practical Guide to Patternmaking for Fashion Designers: Juniors, Misses, and Women offers an in-depth look into the techniques and theories of pattern drafting for women's garments. Covering a wide variety of styles, textiles, and sizes, this book is useful for a wide range of pattern courses from introductory to advanced. It provides a sound introduction to the concepts and the processes of patternmaking, as well as a more advanced analysis of style and design. The author offers helpful techniques on taking measurements and adjusting the fit of garments for all body sizes, patterns, and types of fabrics.

Presents information about basic garment construction, using patterns, and instructions on how to create basic clothes such as shirts, skirts, and blouses.

Pattern Design: Fundamentals is an ideal book for beginners to the field of fashion design as well as self-guided learners. *Pattern Design: Fundamentals* covers the basics of pattern making, terminology and drafting concepts. This book is different than all other drafting books of its kind. This drafting book combines knowledge of drafting with sewing and construction. The best way to understand how patterns are drafted is to understand how the drafts are constructed, why certain pattern markings are used and in what order a pattern should be constructed. Understanding the construction, solidifies one's drafting knowledge, connecting the dots of two-dimensional drafting to the three-dimensional finished garment. *Pattern Design* was developed by designer and educator Jennifer Lynne Matthews-Fairbanks. Fairbanks years of instructing at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising coupled with her years running her own design and sewing studio, make for the ideal combination of teaching to the visual and self-guided learner. Chapters 1 and 2 introduce you to the tools, terms and pattern

markings, including fabrics used, grainlines of patterns and the grain of a fabric. You will create a simple pattern with all appropriate markings from an unaltered sloper and learn each part of all slopers used throughout the book. In the first section, "Shape," Pattern Design walks you through manipulating darts with the pivot and slash and spread methods, creating pleats, tucks and gathers. Each chapter details the basics of construction in order to complete each exercise fully and utilizes several different slopers to show how each concept can be translated to different garment types. Section two, "Line," covers style lines (also called seam lines) and combines style lines with design elements from the "Shape" section. The third section, "Details," includes beginner design detail concepts such as pockets, extensions, collars and banding. Pocket exercises include patch pockets, in-seam pockets and inset pockets. Extensions for buttons and placket for blouses are also demonstrated. The banding chapter covers simple waistbands and sleeve cuffs. The fourth and final section covers "Finishes." Finishes include facings, zipper insertion and basic hemming. Pattern Design: Fundamentals covers the material that most fashion design students learn in their first year of schooling. The book is an ideal guide for self-learners or for classroom instruction.

"Draping for Apparel Design, Fourth Edition is the fully updated and revised edition of the seminal book pioneered by fashion education luminary Helen Joseph-Armstrong. This comprehensive guide provides step-by-step instruction for the beginning patternmaker and advanced techniques for the more experienced. Maintaining the vast array of examples and the book's easy-to-read style, revising author Susan Ashdown reflects current industry standards, both metric and imperial measurements, new sizing guides for diverse body types, and incorporates half-scale forms. New material on jackets, coats, and loose fitted knitwear add to this book's breadth of knowledge"--

How to Start a Business in the Fashion Design Industry For many, seeing their names on a clothing label is the ultimate dream. If you have long loved playing with fashion and feel that the world of fashion could be improved by the inclusion of your design, jumping into this fast-paced industry may be a goal to which you aspire. While new fashion designers make names for themselves every year, this industry is not one that is easy to enter, but instead one that you must dedicate yourself to gaining entry into.

1. Build your skills. While there is no mandate that fashion designers hold a professional training certification, if you lack this foundation you may find yourself perplexed by some of the concepts or terminology within the industry. To enhance your chances of success, obtain an education before you actively start trying to make your name.
2. Develop a portfolio. Take photos of models wearing your designs to create a look book for yourself, featuring your best work. You will likely start this process during your schooling and can then simply continue after you finish, updating this portfolio regularly.
3. Create a label. While your label will likely not be as immediately coveted as some, you should craft a label that identifies designs as yours and sets them apart from the rest. Feature your company name prominently on this label to start to build brand recognition.
4. Hold a fashion show. Arrange for a show at a local venue, or apply for a slot within a larger fashion show. At the show, display some of your best looks, giving customers a taste of what you have to offer.
5. Sell your products. Offer your products up for sale immediately after your fashion show so interested consumers can get their hands on them right away. Either sell your goods independently, working directly with consumers, or sell them to boutiques and stores that will ultimately resell your looks to their buyers.
6. Respond to critiques. Your first attempts at fashion design will likely not be without fault. As you receive criticism, use it as a learning tool, making modifications to your line to correct any perceived issues.

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For an undergraduate course in Patternmaking. Renowned for its comprehensive coverage, exceptional illustrations, and clear instructions, this #1 text offers detailed yet easy-to-understand explanations of the essence of patternmaking. Hinging on a recurring theme that all designs are based on one or more of the three major patternmaking and design principles--dart manipulation, added fullness, and contouring--it provides students with all the relevant information necessary to create design patterns with accuracy regardless of their complexity. This latest edition helps aspiring fashion designers understand demographics, psychographics, and the role of advertising; learn how to create a unique design vision through ethnographic research; develop a collection from first concept to finished project on the runway; see how to build a career in fashion, and more.

The Practical Guide to Patternmaking for Fashion Designers: Menswear offers patternmaking techniques for a variety of garment styles and includes information on sizing, lining and a variety of fabrics. Covering everything from casual to tailored designs, it can serve both as an introduction to the pattern-drafting skills necessary for menswear and as a more in-depth treatment of patternmaking techniques. The guide covers the patternmaking process for an array of menswear garments, as well as the accompanying theories and concepts.

Patternmaking for Contemporary Menswear is the most current, comprehensive and user-friendly book for men's patternmaking--an essential resource for students, educators, and industry professionals.

This text covers all the technical aspects of developing precise professional patterns for garments, and gives students a firm foundation in the tools, concepts, and understandings necessary for success in this highly competitive industry. The focus throughout is on the procedures and principles of professional flat patternmaking using Basic Slopers (i.e., Pattern Blocks, Master Patterns, or Foundation Patterns), and on cutting and testing each completed pattern in tissue, pinned on the form completely marked. This enables the student to learn, and review, the concepts for developing patterns, step-by-step and see the translation of style lines from a two-dimensional flat pattern on the table, to a three-dimensional pattern on a mannequin (fitting dummy). This text is an excellent visual learning tool, especially critical to the vast number of ESL and International students attending design schools.

The Fashion Design Manual is a comprehensive introduction to the world of fashion. It introduces the reader to the cycles and trends of fashion, the principles and practice of fashion design, the range of techniques and skills required to be successful in the industry, and the economic reality of the world of retail fashion. The Fashion Design Manual follows the path a garment takes from sketch to sample, through production and finally via the retail outlet to the wearer. The book is very generously illustrated with drawings, sketches, and photographs throughout.

A fabric and textile directory, recommending fabrics to match the effects you want to achieve. Tells how different fabrics perform and the many ways to use them.

Learn how to customize your clothes--designing new pattern shapes, style lines, and fashion details with Sara Alm's easy-to-follow instruction! In Sara Alm's *Designing Clothes with the Flat Pattern Method*, sewers learn a technique that opens

up myriad possibilities for making one-of-a-kind garments. By using basic pattern blocks called slopers, Alm shows sewers how to design new shapes, style lines, and fashion details--creating patterns for nearly any piece of clothing they want to sew. Take a basic straight skirt pattern, for example, and convert it into any other skirt design. Change the hemline or the basic shape of a skirt from straight to A-line to full swing with multiple gores. Try adjusting the waistline placement or convert it from waistband to waistline-facing. Change the style and placement of the closures. The options are endless once sewers understand the basics of flat-pattern designing, which is explained in the book. Designing Clothes with the Flat Pattern Method is divided into sections: skirts, tops, and pants. While many of the same principles apply to each garment type, there are different techniques to take into account. As soon as sewers know how to design from these three slopers, that knowledge is easily transferred to designing dresses, shorts, jumpsuits, and outerwear. The principles and techniques taught are also easily transferable to designing children's clothes. By following extensive technique instruction in each of the three categories, twelve different garments are designed from each basic sloper and photographed on models so readers fully understand the process and the end result. Thanks to Designing Clothes with the Flat Pattern Method, passionate sewers will be as skilled as Project Runway contestants in no time!

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