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# A CONVERSATION WITH REBECCA TAYLOR

SHE'S BEEN SEEN IN THE PAGES OF *VOGUE* AND *HARPER'S BIZARRE*; HER URBAN DESIGNS WORN BY STYLE ICONS FROM CATE BLANCHETT TO JENNIFER LOPEZ AND HAS STORES FROM TOKYO TO FASHION ISLAND.® REBECCA TAYLOR TALKS ABOUT HER CATWALK BEGINNINGS, SHARES

TALES OF HER REBELLIOUS SCHOOL-DAY FASHION CLASHES WITH THE ST. CATHERINE'S NUNS AND ENLIGHTENS US WITH HER NEWEST "KITTENISH" COLLECTION PIECES OF ETHEREAL, YET DOWNTOWN DESIGNS. WITH A SPIRITED LIFE AND CREATIVE FLAIR, IT'S NOT HARD TO SEE WHY THE NEW ZEALAND-BORN FASHION DESIGNER HAS INSPIRED LEGIONS OF LOYAL CUSTOMERS WHO LOVE HER NEW YORK URBAN STYLE AND UNIQUE URBANE SENSIBILITIES.



YOU'RE NYC AT HEART. HOW DO YOU DESIGN SO YOUR LINE WORKS FOR OC AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA?

In general, I design for the modern, busy woman. I think this tends to work across a lot of spectrums and lifestyles, including Newport Beach.

DO YOU DESIGN SPECIFIC FASHIONS FOR NEWPORT BEACH?

There are certain pieces and collections that do tend to particularly suit my OC customer. The little white dress collection I debuted this summer I think was great for the area—white is so easy and light, and works for the beach and for nightlife.

WHAT IS YOUR MAIN SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR THIS AREA?

The relaxed elegance and confidence of the women here. It's a beachy community but still very fashion-forward.



*Tweed and  
Leather Cropped  
Moto Jacket*

WHEN YOU ARRIVED TO THE STATES WITH JUST \$600, DID YOU BUY FABRIC OR FOOD? Probably fabric!

ANY FALL FASHIONS YOU HOPE THE EVOLVING MODERN WOMAN WILL EMBRACE THIS YEAR?

Investing in statement outerwear—whether it has an interesting pattern, pastel color, mixed materials, etc. A statement coat (or jacket for the OC customer) is such an easy way to look instantly chic and polished. There's a tweed and leather cropped moto jacket I'm particularly excited about for fall.

FIVE EVERYDAY PIECES NO WOMAN SHOULD BE WITHOUT?

- An oversized gray cashmere sweater—comfortable and classic.
- A leopard scarf—looks great against a casual outfit.
- A pop color bag to dress up any outfit.
- A great pair of jeans.
- A favorite shade of lipstick— instant polish to any look.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE TIPS FOR HOW TO ACHIEVE EFFORTLESS STYLE?

Nothing is more effortless than staying true to your style and wearing pieces you feel comfortable in. When something is forced, you can tell.

*The Little White  
Dress Collection*

