

TODD OLDHAM

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Best known for his clothing and interior designs, Todd Oldham is the quintessential designer. He is regarded for transforming his youthful aesthetic into affordable style.

Oldham was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. His grandmother taught him to sew at age 9, and at 15, he designed his first dress. After high school, he moved to Dallas, where he found his first job in the alterations department of Polo Ralph Lauren. Borrowing \$100 from his parents, Oldham bought and dyed fabric, and created a small collection, which he sold to Neiman Marcus.

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In 1998, Oldham moved to New York. He served for three years as creative consultant to fashion house Escada while continuing to produce his own line. In 1999, he took a hiatus from couture to found L-7 Designs. This enabled him to branch out from clothing, taking on design in other forms.

Oldham was the architect and interior designer of The Hotel in South Beach. He has created affordable lines of clothing, homeware, and dorm room furniture for Target, and designed furniture and home accessories for La-Z-Boy.

In 2007, Oldham became the creative director for Old Navy. After his first quarter there, sales were up for the first time in years.

Oldham serves as a mentor to the contestants on Bravo’s “Top Design.” He is the author of style and design books and books on artists, including John Waters, whose works inspire him. A philanthropist, Oldham serves on the boards of charities and conservation groups, including Bailey House, the oldest housing program in the United States for people with HIV/AIDS.



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