Major 20th Century Fashion Designers

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Norell, Norman
American fashion designer. Norell is credited with combining the spirit...

Sant’ Angelo, Giorgio
American fashion and accessories designer of Italian birth. Sant’ Angelo...

Demeulemeester, Ann
Belgian fashion designer. Ann Demeulemeester studied at the Royal Academy of Fine...

Carnegie, Hattie
American fashion designer. Hattie Carnegie was an international tastemaker and fashion entrepreneur. ....

Schiaparelli, Elsa
Italian-born French fashion designer. Although Schiaparelli began her career with sportswear in the...

Dior, Christian
French fashion designer. Dior, the creator of the ‘New Look’, is one...

Lanvin, Jeanne
French fashion designer. The oldest name in contemporary French fashion, Lanvin began...

Rochas, Marcel
French fashion designer. From 1925 to 1953, ...

Saint Laurent, Yves
French fashion designer. In the late 20th century, few fashion...

Vionnet, Madeleine
French fashion designer. Vionnet was one of the most innovative and influential...

Alaïa, Azzedine
French fashion designer, of Tunisian birth. Alaïa is renowned for his ‘second...

Augustabernard
French fashion designer. Augustabernard is known for her understated, elegant garments, whose...

Givenchy, Hubert de
French fashion designer. Givenchy is considered by many to be the last...
Kawakubo, Rei
Japanese fashion designer. Rei Kawakubo, the fashion designer and creator of Comme...

Yamamoto, Yohji
Japanese fashion designer. Yamamoto’s influential designs combined traditional Japanese silhouettes...

Lelong, Lucien
French fashion designer. From 1918 to 1948, Lelong was a couturier and...

Blass, Bill
American fashion designer. Blass is known for his ready-to-wear apparel and sportswear....

Cashin, Bonnie
American fashion designer. Active from the late 1930s through to the mid-1980s,...

Balenciaga, Cristobal
Spanish fashion designer, active in Paris. Based in Paris from 1937 to...

Valentina
American fashion designer of Ukrainian birth; active in New York. Valentina Schlee,...

Valentino
Italian fashion designer, active in Rome, Florence and Paris. Valentino...

Versace, Gianni
Italian fashion designer, active in Milan and Paris. Versace was a prolific...

Armani, Giorgio
Italian fashion designer. Armani was dubbed the ‘Sexy Tailor’ by the American...

Beene, Geoffrey
American fashion designer. A modernist, Beene’s inventive geometric cuts and in-depth understanding...

Grès, Mme
French fashion designer. Best known for her exquisitely sculpted and intricately pleated...

Johnson, Betsey
American fashion designer. Known for her exuberant, colourful designs, in the 1960s...

Trigère, Pauline
American fashion designer of French birth. A versatile designer, Trigère...

Adrian
American costume and fashion designer. Adrian is best known for his costume designs for...

Dessès, Jean
Greek fashion designer based in Paris. Dessès was born in Egypt to...
Courrèges, André
French fashion designer. Courrèges is credited with introducing a youthful, unadorned and...

Mainbocher
American fashion designer and editor, active also in France. For...

Molyneux, Edward
English fashion designer, active also in France. In a career that spanned...

Sui, Anna
American fashion designer. Sui’s approach exemplifies the Post-modernist spirit of American fashion...

Miyake, Issey
Japanese fashion designer, active in Tokyo and Paris. For his...

Lacroix, Christian
French fashion designer. Lacroix was raised in Trinquetaille, a small...

McCardell, Claire
American fashion designer. Often referred to as...

Mugler, Thierry
French fashion designer. A daring, avant-garde designer, Mugler is best known for...

Burrows, Stephen
African-American fashion designer. Burrows’s trademarks included colour blocking, asymmetry, fluid jersey separates...

Quant, Mary
English fashion designer. A pioneer of the youth movement in fashion, Quant...

Clark, Ossie
English fashion designer. Clark revolutionized London fashion for young women during the...

Lauren, Ralph
American fashion designer. Lauren is the founder of Polo Ralph...

Galliano, John
British fashion designer, active also in France. Half renegade, half romantic, as...

Jacobs, Marc
American fashion and accessories designer. He is often regarded as the most...

Lagerfeld, Karl
French fashion designer of German birth. Lagerfeld, one of the pre-eminent designers...
Prada, Miuccia
Italian fashion and accessory designer for the Prada and Miu Miu labels.

Maxwell, Vera
American fashion designer. One of the pioneers of American women’s sportswear, Maxwell...

Bowery, Leigh
Australian fashion designer and performance artist. He arrived in Britain from Australia...

Herrera, Carolina
Venezuelan fashion designer, active also in the USA. While Herrera’s...

Van Noten, Dries
Belgian fashion designer. Born into a family of tailors spanning three generations,...

Gaultier, Jean Paul
French fashion designer. Since his début collection,...

Moschino, Franco
Italian fashion designer. Moschino is known for an irreverent, humorous...

Westwood, Vivienne
English fashion designer. The early phase of her career was closely affiliated...

Balmain, Pierre
French fashion designer. Balmain was born in the Savoie region...

Chanel, Coco
French fashion designer. Chanel was one of the most influential...

Kamali, Norma
American fashion designer. Few designers have managed to be as influential as...

Karan, Donna
American fashion designer. Karan’s standing as one of the most successful fashion...

Klein, Calvin
American fashion designer. Klein first found success with coats and suits, but...

Sprouse, Stephen
American fashion and textile designer. Sprouse was democratic in his...

Piguet, Robert
French fashion designer of Swiss birth. Piguet presided over one of the...

Gernreich, Rudi
American fashion designer of Austrian birth. In the 1950s and 1960s, Rudi...
Halston
American milliner and fashion designer. In the early 1970s, Halston represented modernism in fashion...

Pucci, Emilio
Italian fashion and textile designer. He is best known for brightly coloured...

Rabanne, Paco
Spanish-born, Paris-based fashion designer. Along with pierre Cardin and andré Courrèges, Rabanne was...

Fath, Jacques
French fashion designer. Fath is considered one of the leading figures of...

Louiseboulanger
French fashion designer. Louiseboulanger is credited with introducing a number of innovations,...

McQueen, Alexander
English fashion designer. Self-styled ‘electric, eccentric’ McQueen is known for his impeccable...

Paquin, Jeanne
French fashion designer. Head designer and director of the House of Paquin,...

Ellis, Perry
American fashion designer. Ellis’s sportswear designs were prime examples of the relaxed,...

Galanos, James
American fashion designer. During a career that spanned the second half of...

Lucile
English fashion designer, active also in Paris and the USA. Lucile was...

Patou, Jean
French fashion designer. Patou’s designs captured the fashion essence of sophisticated, modern...

Renta, Oscar de la
Dominican born American fashion designer. De la Renta’s illustrious career spans nearly six decades...

James, Charles
American fashion designer of English birth. James was renowned for his unique,...