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ALBERT MONTRIS COBB

35

Charlotte, NC

HT: Lincolnton, NC

Fashion Designer

Single / No Kids

He/Him

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About

Albert Montris Cobb is a designer and the owner of his self-titled fashion line, "Albert Montris." Specializing in making what he calls "Ready to Wear... with a Flare" for women, Albert focuses on freelance custom designs for all occasions. From tape, string, and newspaper, to aluminum cans, synthetic (and human) hair, and paper cups, he has "upcycled" the most unthinkable materials to produce an innovative array of wearable garments.

Story

- > Albert was born and raised in the small town of Lincolnton, NC. As the youngest of 3 boys, Albert and his siblings were raised by a single mother, who worked 3 jobs to put food on the table. In his younger years, Albert and his family lived in a public housing development until his mom was gifted a house from Habitat From Humanity. Although he didn't have the same privileges or opportunities that many other kids had, Albert found solace in anything and everything creative. He started sketching at an early age – his early sketches include rudimentary women's swimsuits. His small-town upbringing didn't revolve around fashion, yet something sparked his interest early on – from watching his mom sew to attending church-sponsored fashion shows.
- > Albert earned a Bachelor's in Textiles and Apparel from North Carolina Central University in 2006 and then spent time at SCAD in Atlanta several years later. However, after a year, he was unable to continue the program, as he could no longer afford it. When he first began college, he watched other students put together garments with fabrics they purchased from fabric stores. Albert couldn't afford to do this, so he had to get crafty. In fact, he created his entire first collection from trash bags – and when his parents saw his dedication (and the resulting collection), they knew he had found his calling.
- > Specializing in women's wear, Albert builds formal wear, jumpsuits, costumes and other garments. To this day, he doesn't have the finances to spend on expensive fabrics... but in reality, he loves being unconventional with his designs. When it comes to materials, there's nothing that Albert won't use to create avant-garde fashion that always makes a statement.
- > He was first inspired by Alexander McQueen, but he also looks up to Thierry Mugler, Jean Paul Gaultier, Zac Posen and other innovators. He not only loves fashion itself, but Albert knows the history of many brands and trends, stating that he understands why certain things became popular. Because of this, he's able to blend his knowledge of the past with his creative vision to concoct a style of his own.
- > As someone who rejects the traditional rules of fashion and marches to the beat of his own drum, Albert's excited to bring his creativity to the masses. In the end, he would love to finally receive some financial backing, so that he can launch his brand into places that he would have never expected. For Albert, it's all about giving people a path to self-expression – and through his innovative approach to design, he is most definitely reaching his goals one way or another.



From Albert's 14-piece trash bag collection



Newspaper dress



Soda tab dress