

## Fashion Designers

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Sabyasachi Mukherjee, the young designer from Kolkata is making waves in the Indian fashion horizon. After +2 from St.Xaviers college, he graduated from NIFT Kolkata with three major awards in 1999. Just after graduation, Sabyasachi launched his own label by the same name and currently has retails at New Delhi - Carma & Ogaan, ; Mumbai -Melange & Ensemble ; Kolkata-Espee & Intrigue, and Hyderabad- Origins and Oorja. In 2001, Sabyasachi won the Femina British Council most outstanding young Designer of India award, which took him to London for an internship with Georgina Von Etzdorf, a designer based in Salisbury. He made his International label by bagging the grand winner award at Mercedes New Asia fashion week in Singapore in 2003.

Sabyasachi's design philosophy is very simple and clear ' Personalised imperfection of the human hand'. Deserts, gypsies, prostitutes, antique textiles and cultural traditions of his home town, Kolkata have been a lifelong inspiration for this designer who believes that clothes should just be an extension of one's intellect. He uses unusual fabrics, texturing and detailing, 'fusion' of styles 'patch-worked' with gorgeous embellishments in a vibrant eclectic colour palette to make the feeling of going back to the ancient and medieval ages. He describes his own collections as 'an International styling with an Indian soul'.

In 2004, he went global with the Kaula Lampur Fashion week. His collection ' The frog princess' at Lakme India fashion week established him as one of the most promising young designers for years to come.

He earned the distinction of being the only Indian designer invited to showcase at the Milan Fashion week 2004 and was voted by Asia Inc, a Singapore based business magazine as one of the ten most influential Indians in Asia, alongside Aishwarya Rai, Priyanka Gandhi, Sabeer Bhatia etc.

He entered into films with his costumes designed for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film, 'Black' which bagged the national award in 2005.

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Awards:Regional winner of Damania Fashion Award 1994.

Aki Narula, Kolkata based [fashion](#) designer is known for his crazy and wacky style of designing clothes. He has been in the fashion business for many years. He was a commerce graduate from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. During his college days itself he had a passion for fashion designing and was involved in designing clothes for concerts. He went to Arizona State University for a [course](#) in communications and returned back in 1992 thereafter started with the cost accountancy programme. Aki Narula worked with the Lintas Group, as a management trainee, for a period of ten months. But his inborn creativity and urge for designing made him leave his chosen field in accounts and management and become a designer.

Aki started his career as a [fashion Designer](#) when Damania Airlines introduced a Fashion Designer award in five Metros. He took part from Kolkata and became the award winner. He had his first Fashion with " Melange" in Mumbai at Opera House. His collection are innovative, wild, humorous, and modest in look with the variation of texture and drape. Within a short span of time, Aki carved a place in [Fashion Industry](#) with his new idea, new energies and new directions. His clothes are always fun, bright, cheery and cool with an accent towards leisure wear. He started his filmy career in Bollywood by designing outfits for Mira Nair's film "Monsoon Wedding. His versatility and passion for designing made him one of the established designers in Bollywood.

Aki launched his own label "Aki" in 1996. Well-heeled in creating both Indian and western designs, for men and women, Aki has registered his place in some of the most premium stores. Started on a humble ground, with only one store, he has expanded now to eleven stores throughout India. In 2000 he participated in Lakme India Fashion Week and the response was overwhelming. In the all the shows, he has been proving the excellent combination of fashion and colours.

He also went international and started retailing at Zingara, at Cannes and St. Tropez. Currently Design Director for Sheetal Design Studio, he retails under his label under 'Aki Narula for SDS'; also [works](#) on his main label ' AKI' from his studio in Delhi.

Famous fashion designers



### Top Indian & International Designers

Fashion designers are the real masters that embellish the beauty of women.

Everybody doesn't have that perfect figure and elegant personality that should be flaunted. In fact nobody is perfect in this world. If someone is dark, then the other is plumpy or short heighted. It is the fashion designers that help you show off your best body features and disguise your body flaws through intelligent smart dressing. They shape up your body in the most modest manner and make you look stunning and sensuous.

Fashion designers have brought about a storm in this glamour world with their commendably fabulous variety. In the famous fashion designers list, the top Indian & International fashion designers are Ritu Kumar, Ritu Beri, Manish Malhotra, Rohit Bal, Hemant Trivedi, Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, Donatella Versace and Valentino. There is something unique about every designer. One might focus on ethnic styling and the other on hottest western collection. Fashion industry has always welcomed new talent giving rise to the budding stars of tomorrow.

When it comes to fashion, it's not just about smart clothing but it's about grooming your personality as a whole. For example if you are wearing the best of ensemble but with a wrong combination of shoes or handbag, it will spoil the whole charm of your elegant dress. Thus, there is a need to maintain balance and harmony. Everything should go well with the other. It is the fashion designers that work on you as a whole and enhance your attractiveness from head to toe.

1. Donatella Versace
2. Hemant Trivedi
3. John Galliano
4. Manish Malhotra
5. Ralph Lauren
6. Ritu Beri
7. Stella McCartney
8. Tarun Tahiliani
9. Tommy Hilfiger
10. Valentino
11. Abu Jani & Sandeep Khosla

12. Aki Narula
13. Ashima & Leena
14. Ashish Soni
15. Calvin Klein
16. Gabrielle Chanel
17. Christian Dior
18. Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana
19. Donna Karan
20. Giorgio Armani
21. Guccio Gucci
22. Jimmy Choo
23. Louis Vuitton
24. Miuccia Prada
25. Maria Ricci
26. Paul Smith
27. Pierre Cardin
28. Jatin Kochhar
29. JJ Valaya
30. Meera and Muzaffar Ali
31. Monisha Bajaj
32. Neeta Lulla
33. Niki Mahajan
34. Poonam Bhagat
35. Puja Nayyar
36. Ranna Gill
37. Rina Dhaka
38. Ritu Kumar
39. Rocky S
40. Rohit Gandhi & Rahul Khanna
41. Rohit Bal
42. Shantanu and Nikhil
43. Wendell Roderick

#### Other Top Indian Fashion Designers

Abu Jani and Sandeep Khosla, Aki Narula, Arshiya Fakih, Anuradha Vakil, Anamika Khanna, Anita Dongre, Anjana Bhargav, Anshu Arora Sen, Aparna Jagdhari, Arjun Khanna, Ashima & Leena Singh, Ashish Soni, Azeem Khan, Deepika Govind, Hemant Trivedi, Jattin Kochhar, JJ Valaya, Kiran Uttam Ghosh, Krishna Mehta, Lalit & Sunita Jalan, Lina Tipnis, Manish Malhotra, Manoviraj Khosla, Meera and Muzaffar Ali, Mona & Pali, Monisha Bajaj, Monisha Jaising, Niki Mahajan, Payal Jain, Poonam Bhagat, Priyadarshini Rao, Puja Nayyar, Ranna Gill, Rina Dhaka, Ritu Beri, Ritu Kumar, Rocky S, Rohit Bal, Rohit Gandhi and Rahul Khanna, Shahab Durazi, Shantanu & Nikhil, Sangeeta Chopra, Savio Jon, Tarun Tahiliani, Vandana Roy, Vijay & Shobna Arora

#### List Of Top Fashion Designers In India

There are a number of famous fashion designers in India. The industry for fashion in India has witnessed a boom over the last few years, with a growing list of top Indian fashion designers showcasing their work on the International stage. From the traditional sarees, to the exquisite collection of fabrics, the Indian fashion industry has embraced its inner beauty, and displayed to the world the immense talent of Indian designers.



Here is a list of top fashion designers in India, who have captured the imagination of the fashionable world over:

Ritu Kumar



She is among the earliest, and most reputed, fashion icons from India. After having developed her own unique style, Kumar catapulted to the top of the industry, both in India, and the world.

Ritu is globally recognized for her astute styles that reflect ancient Indian traditions, and the use of locally produced fabrics. With a background in history and musicology,

Kumar has displayed to the world a new face of Indian clothes – one that surges forward by delving deep in the past.

Having successfully bridged the gap between traditional and modern India, Ritu Kumar is a formidable designer, and is a brand in herself.

She has also designed the wardrobes of three Miss India winners, all of whom went on to win the crown at their respective international pageants.

With the successful launch of a new brand, titled LABEL, in 2002, Ritu now caters for the everyday wear of Indian women, who while rooted in their traditional upbringing, are looking towards to brighter future than imaginable earlier.

Manish Malhotra



At the age of just 25, Malhotra made a firm entry into the Bollywood film industry, by styling actress Juhi Chawla in *Swarg*. If you look at 34-year-old Manish today, one can't help but wonder about the accelerant behind the man behind the starry looks, that Indians can't seem to get over.

As a costume designer, Manish has dressed some of the most beautiful women Bollywood has ever been graced with. Names of the stars Malhotra has dressed include Karishma and Kareena Kapoor, Aishwarya Rai, Rani Mukherjee, Preity Zinta, the evergreen Madhuri Dixit, Raveena Tandon, and many more.

It was only in 1998 that Manish took a detour from his career of making the films stars look good, and launched his flagship store, aptly named *Reverie*.

A high-point during his many years of designing for the stars came when he was asked to dress the late pop-music icon Michael Jackson for the Bollywood awards held in New York. Impressed by the Indian's work, Jackson asked Manish to style his Munich show, and design some outfits for his children.

Ritu Beri



If there's one thing that we know about Beri, it's that she is used to achieving milestones. The Indian designer is, for all intents and purposes, incomparable. She is specially commended for being the first Indian to present a collection in the world's style capital at Paris.

Having begun her illustrious career with the launch of her first line named Lavanya in 1990, Beri is in many ways solely responsible for the world realizing the immense potential of Indian fabric and styles.

Ritu graduated from Delhi University in 1987, and decided to pursue her interest in fashion as a profession. After enrolling in the National Institute of Fashion Technology in 1988, Beri was quite to begin her foray into the world of high styles. Ritu Beri's talents have bought her clients like Former US President Mr. Bill Clinton, Hollywood celebrities, famous Parisian Socialite, the Swarovski family, among a bevy of other similar VIPs.

Rohit Bal

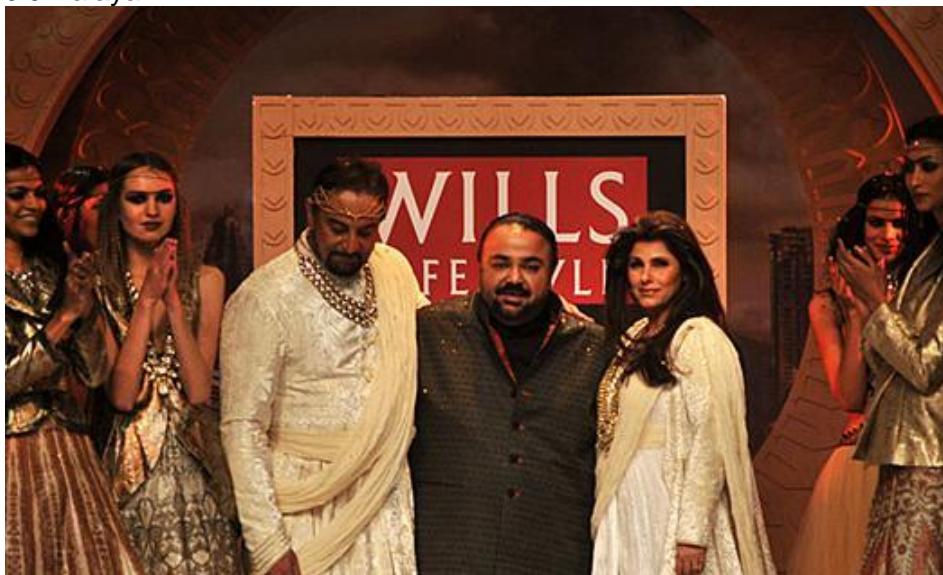


Bal's sense of aesthetics and fabrics have won him accolades the world over. Given the honor of being referred to as "India's master of fabric and fantasy" by TIME magazine in 1996, the entire community has hailed him as one among the country's finest style gurus.

With a keen eye that sources materials from villages and local craftsmen, Rohit has mastered the art of converting local Indian textures into beautiful fabrics and cloths. After completing his graduation in History from St. Stephen's College in Delhi, Bal went on to work in his brother's export company till 1990, when he ventured forth to create some fabulous designs for men.

Having styled the likes of Uma Thurman, supermodels Cindy Crawford and Naomi Campbell, Rohit Bal has little left to prove that he fully deserves the honorable title of a master at his art.

J J Valaya



Valaya has made a name for himself as Indian's premier fashion designer, with some of the most inspired and original creations ever seen.

His ahead-of-the-curve designs express a never-before-seen fusion of traditional crafts and contemporary haute couture is a signature factor behind the immense success of the House of Valaya.

J J is responsible for much of the recent revival and redefinition of traditional Indian crafts as niche market by itself. In an increasingly global fashion scene, Valaya has achieved much by combining the past and future into the present.

Having his designs showcased everywhere from Hong Kong to Paris, has earned him a much deserved spot on this list of Indian fashion designers who are at the top of their trade and art.

His two latest apparel lines, Couture and Diffusion, have wowed the toughest critics in the world, with their unique taken of the majestic exuberance of the royal era, as seen through the lens of a contemporary visionary designer.

Tarun Tahiliani



Tarun is celebrated as one among the top Indian designers today. After acquiring a degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, he came back to India in 1987, only to bring forth a revolution with his very first boutique named Ensemble. His designs always come with a unique twist, and are available at his studio in New Delhi. His brand label, titled Ahilian, is sold worldwide, from Tokyo and Dubai, to even London and New York.

Rina Dhaka



She burst onto the Indian fashion designing scene in the late 1980s, and has since then held her position at the top as one of the most innovative and creative designers in the country.

Having trained with designer Evan Grandhal, Dhaka is best known for her themed collections. Her forte continues to be of western wear, and are generally divided into pieces that can be worn separately.

When looking for Indian fashion designers who don't hesitate to step out of their comfort zone, Rina's is the first name that comes to mind.

She has held shows in the style capitals of the world, and has also had her work featured on the prestigious Vogue and Elle, and most definitely deserves a spot on this esteemed list of fashion designers.

Aki Narula



Among the many new generation top fashion designers in India, Narula has managed to carve a place for himself in this glamorous industry.

Having launched his brand label AKI in 1996, his name is now firmly established as one of the best designers of Indian and western designs in the country.

Aside from being a popular choice for style by Bollywood celebrities, Aki's clothes are found in some of the leading salons in India including Esemble, Camelot, and Ogaan.

It was in 1994, when Damania Airlines initiated a designing award in the five Indian metros. Narula took part from Kolkata, and won the final award with his exciting takes on western attire.

He had his first show at the Opera House in Mumbai, and went on to participate at the Lakme India Fashion Week in 2000. Aki's story is one of humble beginnings, where he progressed from owing one store, to over eleven spread across the country.

Anita Dongre



She began designing clothes when over 20 years ago, before the inception of even the NIFT. She learnt the basics in Mumbai from the Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University.

At that time, only the rich and high-classed had accessed to fashionable clothing. Of course much has changed since then, and Dongre is the name that is responsible for much of that change.

45-year-old Anita now runs a corporate fashion house that consists of five labels with over 120 outlets across the country. There isn't a better person in India to learn the business aspects of style from.

Her projects are varied and distinguished. She has designed the uniforms for Dhirubhai Ambani's pre-school, and also the staff at the Taj Group of Hotels. Anita is without a doubt among the best in this list of the top fashion designers in India.

Wendell Rodricks



First enrolled in catering, Rodricks realized his true calling when he entered the world of designing clothes. His minimalistic and chic styles drenched in the white are a revered sub-genre of fashion in the country.

When one talks of Wendell, clothes aren't where his professional expertise ends. Rodricks is a multi-faceted master, and is a regular columnist for Femina, and other leading news houses, along with being an art patron, who promotes Goan art by organizing showcases at the Wendell Rodricks Couture Salon.

Wendell's position on this list of the top fashion designers in the country is well warranted.

Abu Jani and Sandeep Khosla

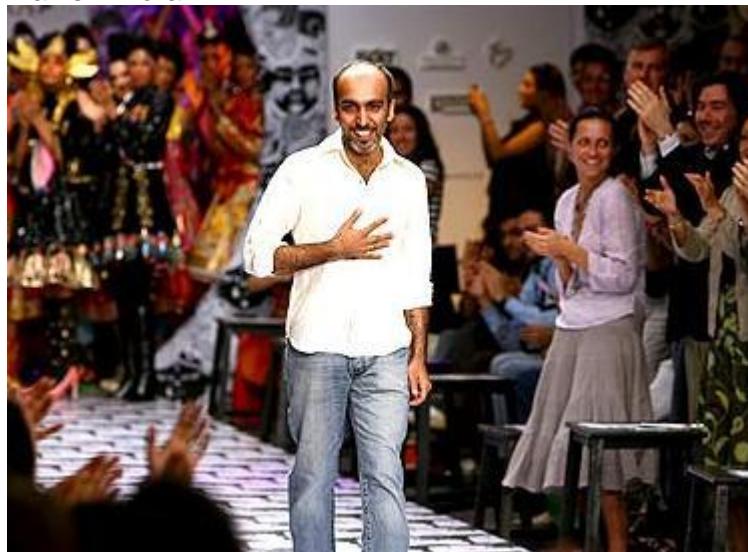


The duo of Jani and Khosla, also popularly referred to as the boys, are largely responsible for the contemporary styles of bygone works of Indian art alive in full color today.

They have together mesmerized the style circuits with their eccentric talent, and fine attention to detail. They travel to the remotest parts of the country every year in search of that that is missing, and return to showcase to the world.

They are the first Indians to bring their unique collection to the Harrods, the UK based luxury store. Abu and Sandeep are not mere Indian fashion designers, they are artists!

Manish Arora



Based in New Delhi, Manish has showcased his work at the best ramps around the world. His collections have been shown in the London Week for four consecutive years since 2005.

Once a student of commerce, Arora decided to change his path in life, and move towards the vibrant shades and eccentric styles that make up his collections. He is known globally for his psychedelic colours and kitsch motifs, that are combined skillfully with traditional Indian crafts like embroidery, appliquéd and beading with Western silhouettes. His label is sold in 84 stores worldwide. Manish Arora's collaboration with Reebok, for a range called "Fish Fry", is a great success in India, and around the world. Have some recommendations for the top fashion designers in India? Let us know your own list of the top Indian fashion designers in the comments below.