

# CLAIRE PARDINGTON

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**SUMMARY:** Creative leader with 13+ years of experience in fashion, interior design, and branding, driving multimillion-dollar projects from concept to execution. Known for leading high-performing teams, developing innovative collections, and delivering impactful results for luxury brands and private clients. Entrepreneurial and client-focused, with a proven ability to inspire, execute, and elevate brands across diverse creative fields.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### CLAIRE ELIZABETH PARDINGTON LLC™

Comprehensive Design Agency [www.clairepardington.com](http://www.clairepardington.com)

Owner & Lead Design Strategist

New York, NY

2012 – Present

- Interior design: lead concept, sourcing, and execution of 10+ commercial property designs with \$30K to \$3M budgets
- Conceptualized and executed high-end events for 50 to 300+ attendees (e.g., charity galas, weddings, corporate events, and fashion shows)
- Built and led a diverse team focused on creativity, development, and growth.
- Advise and mentor aspiring designers.
- Produce and sell artwork and illustrations, including commissioned pieces

### PARDINGTON COLLECTIVE™

RTW and Couture [www.pardingtoncollective.com](http://www.pardingtoncollective.com); [@pardingtoncollective](https://www.instagram.com/pardingtoncollective)

Founder & Creative Director

New York, NY

2020 - Present

- Leading the design and development of RTW collection, overseeing concept, illustration, material sourcing, draping, fitting, and production; first collection received \$30K in pre-sale orders and is on track to generate \$350K in sales in year one at ~50% margin.
- Create custom day and evening wear for 10+ luxury clients
- Direct sourcing, costing, and production, collaborating with vendors to create custom materials and exclusive prints.
- Lead all merchandising, pricing, and event strategy (pop-up shops, trunk shows)
- Partner with artists to develop exclusive, custom prints that merge art and fashion, resulting in limited-edition, bespoke designs tailored for luxury clientele.
- Style high-end clientele for special events and wardrobing

### VICTORIA'S SECRET – DESIGNER COLLECTION

Senior Designer

Associate Designer

New York, NY

2014 - 2016

2011 - 2014

- Drove the conceptualization, design, and merchandising of 160+ collections, achieving a 214% increase in YoY sales
- Developed several streamlined processes improving efficiency of design cycle, saving \$1-2K per month on resources and freeing 10+ hours per week for design team
- Led and managed a cross-functional team of 20-30 designers, merchandisers, and manufacturers.
- Led design and development of Very Sexy Collection, including runway styles and best-selling collections still in stores

### CALVIN KLEIN COLLECTION

Intern / Assistant to Francisco Costa

New York, NY

2010 - 2011

- Selected by Francisco Costa to serve as his right-hand during design and development meetings

## EDUCATION

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University of Michigan Ross School of Business

MBA

Honors: "Entrepreneur of the Year" (2022); Admitted to 8 highly selective entrepreneurial and leadership programs

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2022

Fashion Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Study Abroad: Politecnico Di Milano (Milan, Italy)

New York, NY

May 2010

2008-2009

**SKILLS:** Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Premier Pro)

Creative Strategy | Leadership and Team Development | Design Thinking | Branding and Visual Identity