

Fashion Illustration for Teens (12+)

As part of my Fashion Illustration for Teens (12+) workshop, we'll be looking at Canadian Designers - especially those who are making the fashion industry more inclusive, body positive and sustainable for the planet.

Here are 4 of those designers (of so many!) that I've made into colouring sheets for you!

Have fun designing your own patterns, colours and accessories for these pictures, and if you'd like to share them on social media - please tag me.

I'm Laura-Jean Bernhardson on Facebook
and @theartfairy.ca on insta.

I'd love to see what you do with them!

Also, please pass them along to any teen fashionistas you know who might enjoy them, and who might enjoy my workshop series!

Fashion Illustration for Teens is available in person in Toronto or online (you can live anywhere!) and starts January 2023.

It's an 8 -week series for teens (age 12+) who love fashion, drawing and who want to learn more about careers in fashion!

For more about the workshop series, starting January 11, 2023, visit <https://www.theartfairy.ca/fashion-illustration-for-teens>



Eran Biddell ♡ The Playsuit

Evan Biddell's playsuit is taking the world by storm and it's easy to see why if you check out his Tiktok with over 36k followers!

I first saw Evan on Project Runway Canada and was excited to see that he was from Saskatoon - just like me! Plus he was so talented, I watched with awe and have enjoyed following his career ever since.

He won the first ever season of Project Runway Canada, and then went on to more TV appearances, launching his own label, partnering with Value Village to promote shopping second hand as a stylish option for less consumerism and waste.

Evan launched his playsuit during the pandemic, and it's taken off! It's a simple jersey garment with a flying squirrel shape when you raise your arms and it comes in a variety of fabrics including a gorgeous new one made with hand-dyed fabric from One of a Kind Street Dye.

Genderless, comfortable and for all sizes, the playsuit lives up to its name by being something comfy and cozy you just want to play in. He's even added pockets to make it that much better.

The playsuit can be styled a multitude of ways - from an elegant evening look to lounging around at home. And I love that he features all kinds of people in his marketing.

His tagline is EB = Every Body, and I just love the inclusiveness and fun of his brand. Check out Evan online at the links below.



<https://biddell.shop/>



<https://www.instagram.com/biddell/>



<https://www.tiktok.com/@evanbiddell>



Diana
Coatsworth ©
Designs

Diana Coatsworth is a multi-talented Canadian designer with over 25 years experience in the performing arts as an actor, singer, dancer, choreographer and improviser.

As if that's not enough, she has designed handbags, accessories and clothing in the breaks from her performing arts career. In 2014 she decided to go all in and get formal training in fashion design from George Brown College.

She launched her own line in 2017 to great success, focusing on sustainable production, one-of-a-kind pieces and upcycling textiles to give them a new life as unique, loved garments made to last.

"In mid March 2020, Diana pivoted due to an extreme halt in her business from the global pandemic. She quickly set up a Facebook group called The Sewing Army and invited her friends to join across North America.

Within a month, over 3800 volunteers sewed and delivered over 25,000 pieces of PPE to frontline workers. CAA Ontario joined forces to help deliver finished products safely to organizations. Brother Canada donated refurbished machines for sewists.

Many small businesses donated fabrics to the cause. To date, the PPE donations are over 120,000 to hospitals, shelters, essential workers, midwives, non profits and charity organizations. www.thesewingarmy.com" (copied from <https://dianacoatsworthdesign.com/pages/about-diana>)

Diana is an awesome designer making beautiful pieces, and I love how she is also committed to making the world a better place whether it's re-purposing a blanket into a coat to give it a new life or organizing a sewing army to save lives during a pandemic!



<https://dianacoatsworthdesign.com>



<https://www.instagram.com/dianacoatsworthdesign/>



Kingi Carpenter
Peach Berserk
Toronto's Silkscreen
Queen

Kingi Carpenter had no idea the silkscreening adventures she would go on when she registered for a Silkscreening course at the Ontario College of Art and Design over 35 years ago! Since then, she's designed countless prints, sold thousands of hand-printed garments and taught thousands of people how to silkscreen. She even went on to write a book on it - *Peach Berserk's Silk Screen Now: Tips and Tricks to Make You a Silk Screen Star!*

And I'm one of those people! I signed up for Kingi's first silkscreen workshop 30 years ago, and that step I took opened so many doors for my own creative career in the future.

Kingi's career continues to be an incredible one. She had a long-running popular shop on Queen Street for decades. She's been featured in every Canadian magazine, newspaper and shows like Cityline and Breakfast Television. She co-hosted her own show on TVO (with me!) on entrepreneurship called \$tarting Up with Kingi and Laura-Jean. She's made clothes for celebrities, sold her own line in boutiques around the world.

Today Kingi runs an incredibly unique event space on Queen Street West where she has her gorgeous vintage Paint-By-Numbers collection on the walls from floor to ceiling. People have all kinds of events there including concerts, weddings, parties and more.

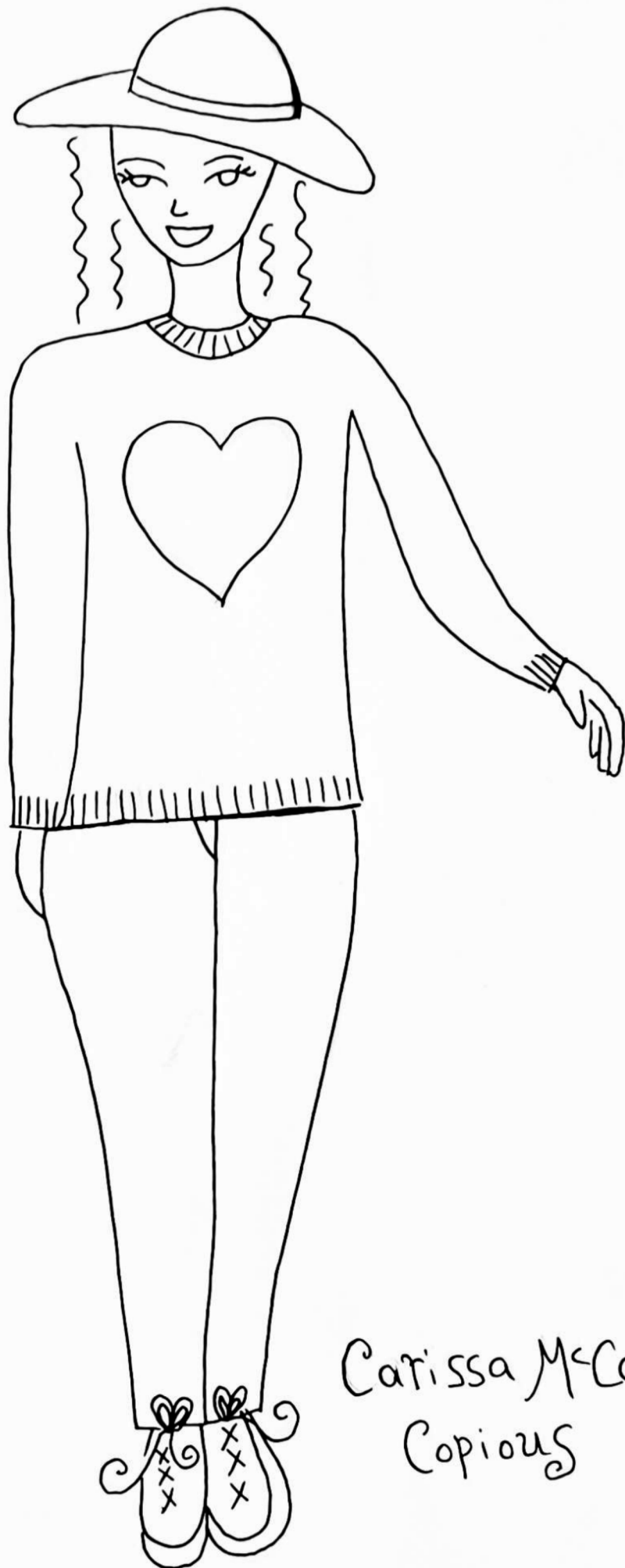
And Kingi teaches silkscreen workshops there, so you can always go and learn how to do it! You never know when you might sign up for a workshop and it sets you on a path you never expected - just like it did for me!



<https://peachberserk.ca/>



<https://www.instagram.com/peachberserk/>



Carissa McCaig
Copious

Carissa McCaig is the creative mind behind **Copious**. Her line is casual and fun with pieces built to last, to be worn and loved for years to come.

She has developed what she calls the Copius Ecosystem. For example, she uses pre-loved jeans to make her patchwork denim hunter jackets. Pieces that are too small for the jackets get set aside for her bucket hats or other future projects that need smaller pieces.

"Small businesses are naturally eco-conscious because we see our waste during production; this is true for me. As Copious started to grow, so did my waste. In the fall of 2014, I used a fabric that was 10" wider than most. While cutting out the Alice Sweater, I was left with large excess pieces of fabric that could not be thrown away. I needed to save my scrap fabric!

Enter the Conscious Heart Sweater. This classic is beloved by all and easy to give as a gift or collect all your favs. I repurpose fabric that is too small to work with, with each heart stitched. As you can imagine when cutting these hearts, more scrap fabric is created, but these too serve a purpose. The smaller pieces are cut into smaller hearts, embroidered with 'conscious heart', and sewn inside each sweater. This heart stitching can be seen on the back neck. You can literally support your love of fashion and less waste in the industry when you rock your Conscious Heart Sweater." (from www.copiousfashions.com/)

It's so important that designers are looking for ways to reduce waste and build sustainable businesses. Our future depends on it!

So thank you Carissa for being amazing and helping to lead the way!



www.copiousfashions.com



<https://www.instagram.com/copiousfashions/>