

# 10 TIPS FOR CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAREER FOR YOU

*How does a person know what career to work toward? There is no perfect answer, but the following 10 tips will get you off to a good start.*

- 1 Get to know yourself** – Complete more than one self-assessment test.
- 2 Identify your strengths and weaknesses** – What do you do well and what do you not do well?
- 3 Develop an inventory of careers** – Write down some careers that might interest you.
- 4 Research different careers** – Talk to others and use the Internet.
- 5 Write the pros and cons** – List positives and negatives about the careers that interest you.
- 6 Network** – Discuss your ideas with others.
- 7 Talk with people who work in your area of interest** – Family and friends are great resources.
- 8 Find a mentor** – Find someone with whom you can discuss your career selection.
- 9 Experiment** – Take a related class or part-time job.
- 10 Don't give up** – "If there is a will, there is a way."

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN

# FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGN INDUSTRY SECTOR



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## Plan For Success







Who will be the new internationally famous designers? Could it be you? Someone will be creating their own fashion statements and creating the styles which appeal to millions of fashion conscious shoppers.

The Fashion and Interior Design Industry Sector is a multibillion-dollar enterprise offering a wide variety of careers. Don't think just in terms of the creative art portion of the industry. Manufacturing, marketing, and distribution are related areas necessary for a designer to be successful. A particularly high demand exists for preproduction jobs involving computerized pattern making and product data management. Employment in the fashion industry is expected to grow at a high pace. Interior designers will also be in demand to accommodate a growing population's need for residential and commercial space.

Technology is a significant and growing component in the design industry. Self motivation and confidence, as well as creativity are traits that lead to success in this sector.

The **California Career Resource Network**, [www.californiacareers.info](http://www.californiacareers.info), is an online resource for exploring careers, personal interests, and reality games.

Go to the **California Career Zone**, [www.CACareerzone.org](http://www.CACareerzone.org). The *Interest Profiler*, under *Assess Yourself*, identifies personal interests leading to further investigation. We recommend that you spend a few minutes completing these assessments.

# Career Pathways

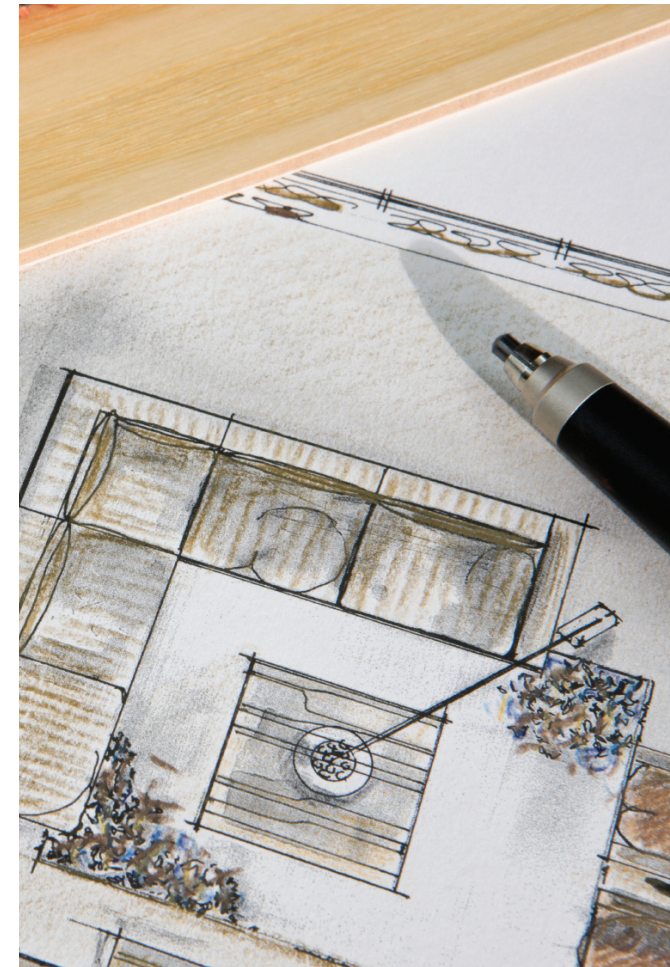


## Fashion Design, Manufacturing, and Merchandising Pathway

The Fashion Design, Manufacturing, and Merchandising Pathway can lead to careers from clothing designer to professional shopper. Few careers offer the opportunities, creativity, and versatility of the fashion world. From small entrepreneur to large manufacturer, rewarding jobs in fashion exist in most communities. Students in this pathway will gain in-depth knowledge of the fashion industry including fashion history, textiles and textile production, apparel merchandising, and garment construction.

### CAREERS/CAREER AREAS:

- Fashion Designers
- Pattern Makers
- Fashion Illustrators/Photographers
- Visual Merchandisers
- Fashion Buyers
- Sales Associates
- Fashion Advisors
- Seamstress/Alterations
- Showroom Assistants
- Stylists



## Interior Design, Furnishings, and Maintenance Pathway

From corporate America to individual homeowners, professionals are in demand to help create or enhance living and working environments. Students preparation for careers in this rapidly growing field includes learning the elements of design and decorating, furniture designs from historical periods, space planning, and computer-assisted design.

### CAREERS/CAREER AREAS:

- Interior Designers
- Visual Merchandisers
- Design Assistants
- Set Decorators
- Preservationists
- Facility and Space Planners
- Computer Aided Design (CAD) Specialists
- Photo Stylists
- Ergonomic Consultants
- Kitchen, Bath, Window, Lighting, Wall or Floor Covering Specialists

