



# Christopher Owen

Menswear Design Consultant

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German

## About

An extremely knowledgeable and highly creative multi-product menswear design consultant with over 14 years proven industry experience. Incredibly self-motivated and thrives under responsibility.

Competent in managing and editing entire men's seasonal collections without direct assistance and supervision while maintaining a constant awareness of critical path and time constraints.

Takes an inventive and design curious approach to multi-product with extensive working experience in wovens, denim, suiting, jersey, knitwear, accessories, washes and print techniques with a focused interest in outerwear.

Very design driven; constantly seeking new ideas and design inspiration, particularly respects evocative and innovative menswear design alongside highly functional and authentic details. Understands and respectfully reworks vintage and authentic source pieces into modern, fresh and commercially relevant new product.

### BRANDS WORKED WITH

- Atticus (EBTM Plc)
- Bolongaro Trevor
- Cassetteplaya
- Christopher Owen
- Firetrap (World Design & Trade Ltd)
- Religion Ltd
- Ted Baker
- TOPMAN
- WGSN

## Experience



### Senior Designer

Ted Baker | Mar 2021 -

Responsible for all Outerwear/Tailoring/Denim/Trousers/Shorts



### Menswear Design Consultant

Christopher Owen | Oct 2019 -

Freelance menswear design and consultancy. Set up and designed Ted Baker's Made In Britain MW collection. Other clients include Bestseller, Lyle & Scott, Ellesse, ASOS and various suppliers



### Freelance Menswear Editor

WGSN | Sep 2019 -

Catwalk key item reports, design capsules, key item capsules, CADs

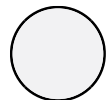


### Catwalk trend analysis/reporting

WGSN | Aug 2018 - Aug 2018

Author catwalk key item reports

Artwork CADs for use on reports throughout the site and image library for customers to download and use in range development



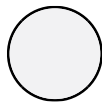
### Senior Menswear Designer

TOPMAN | Jun 2016 - Sep 2019

Solely responsible for all outerwear inc. denim

Solely responsible for all in-house private labels (Vision Street Wear, Topman LTD, Topman Design) and all special projects and celeb/designer collaborations (Agi & Sam, Astrid Andersen, Nasir Mazhar, Nick Grimshaw & James Bay)

Responsible for designing press/catwalk footwear with external Topman footwear supplier



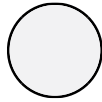
- **Established Menswear Designer**

TOPMAN | Jun 2014 - Jun 2016

Sole multi-product designer for all in-house private labels (Topman LTD and Topman Sport) and collaborations and special projects (most recent being a range for Nick Grimshaw)

Design lead on Topman Design catwalk collections shown at London Collections Men

Responsible for designing press/catwalk footwear with external Topman footwear supplier



- **Menswear Designer**

TOPMAN | Dec 2011 - Jun 2014

Sole designer on shorts/swimwear/underwear/loungewear/footwear categories

Sole designer on collaborations (Age & Sam/Astrid Andersen)

Steered lifestyle product directly with buyer

- **Menswear Designer**

Firetrap (World Design & Trade Ltd) | Jul 2010 - Dec 2011

Multi-product designer in a team of 3 across knitwear/jersey/casual bottoms/shorts/shirts/outerwear

4 collections a year, presented each range to stakeholders and sales agents each season

- **Menswear Designer**

Religion Ltd | Mar 2009 - Jul 2010

Team of 2 designing 4 seasonal drops of menswear multi-product across outerwear, bottoms, denim, jersey and knitwear.

Art working graphics/print for jersey product

- **Menswear Designer**

Atticus (EBTM Plc) | Jul 2008 - Feb 2009

Short term contract multi-product design across outerwear, shirting, casual bottoms, jersey and knitwear



- **Junior Menswear Designer**

Bologaro Trevor | Jun 2007 - Jul 2008

First role directly from university, for the founders of All Saints (Stuart Trevor and Kait Bologaro), designing multi-product (tailoring, outerwear, leather, shirting, casual bottoms, jersey and knitwear) and art-working graphics and print

- **Studio Assistant**

Cassetteplaya | Aug 2006 - Oct 2006

Assisted Carri Munda on her label Cassetteplaya's debut London Fashion Week Spring/Summer 2007 Menswear collection, as part of the Topman endorsed MAN menswear showcase



- **Senior Designer**

Ted Baker | Mar 2021 - Now

Sole designer across outerwear, tailoring, smart and casual trousers & shorts, denim and swimwear

## Education & Training

2004 - 2007

- **Kingston University**

Fashion Design BA,

2003 - 2004 ● **Northbrook College**

Foundation diploma,