

# Oscar de la Renta Quotes

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Dresses, Color, Way, Men, People, Live Your Life, Looks, Reality, Done, Light,  
Naked, Years*

The qualities I most admire in women are confidence and kindness.

~Oscar de la Renta

Regardless of how good or bad a collection might be, it's a letdown after the show is over. It's done. Something you've worked on for months is just over.

~Oscar de la Renta

Be the designer of your own destiny.

~Oscar de la Renta

It's not about what you wear, but about how you live your life

~Oscar de la Renta

You have to appreciate every single day that you're alive. Life is a little bit like a garden - you have to find time to plant the seeds for beautiful flowers to grow.

~Oscar de la Renta

Every day you have to reinvent yourself

~Oscar de la Renta

A fragrance is like a signature, so that even after a woman leaves the room, her fragrance should reveal she's been there.

~Oscar de la Renta

Style begins by looking good naked

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Style begins by looking good naked. It's a discipline. And if you don't dress well every day, you lose the habit. It's not about what you wear, but about how you live your life.

~Oscar de la Renta

Fashion is about dressing according to what's fashionable. Style is more about being yourself.

~Oscar de la Renta

A woman makes an outfit her own with accessories.

~Oscar de la Renta

Things never happen on accident. They happen because you have a vision, you have a commitment, you have a dream.

~Oscar de la Renta

Walk like you have three men walking behind you.

~Oscar de la Renta

Silk does for the body what diamonds do for the hand.

~Oscar de la Renta

Elegance is a discipline of life.

~Oscar de la Renta

The well dressed man never stands out in a crowd; his elegance sets him apart.

~Oscar de la Renta

A runway is spectacle. It's only fashion when a woman puts it on.

~Oscar de la Renta

When I was a boy, I thought scent was contained in dewdrops on flowers and if I got up very early in the morning, I could collect it and make perfume.

~Oscar de la Renta

My great strength is knowing who I am and where I come from - my island.

~Oscar de la Renta

The great thing about fashion is that it always looks forward.

~Oscar de la Renta

I want to make clothes that people will wear, not styles that will make a big splash on the runway.

~Oscar de la Renta

If you wear a different perfume every day, I do not recognize you.

~Oscar de la Renta

Luxury to me is not about buying expensive things; it's about living in a way where you appreciate things.

~Oscar de la Renta

Fashion is a trend, style is within a person.

~Oscar de la Renta

You don't need an introduction to succeed in life. You need to have good work. Work hard. Believe in yourself

~Oscar de la Renta

I've lived every day to the fullest, and I've had a marvelous time. I've tried to be nice to the people I care about, and ignore the ones I don't. I enjoy what I've done.

~Oscar de la Renta

I always think the best way to dress is when the person notices you first and the dress after.

~Oscar de la Renta

The essence of style is how you live your life

~Oscar de la Renta

If you don't move, you get stale.

~Oscar de la Renta

I hate pretty. It's a very empty word. It gives a bad name to beauty.

~Oscar de la Renta

Love. Be curious. Always try to do your best.

~Oscar de la Renta

Gardening is how I relax. It's another form of creating and playing with colors.

~Oscar de la Renta

The most important thing? Perfect lighting at all times.

~Oscar de la Renta

We live in an era of globalization and the era of the woman. Never in the history of the world have women been more in control of their destiny.

~Oscar de la Renta

I always say: To be well dressed you must be well naked.

~Oscar de la Renta

If you want to establish an international presence you can't do so from New York. You need the consecration of Paris.

~Oscar de la Renta

Now is the most exciting time in fashion. Women are controlling their destiny now, the consumer is more knowledgeable, and I have to be better every single day.

~Oscar de la Renta

I love to live well, I love to eat well, I love to buy beautiful things, and to

give a fantastic time to my friends.

~Oscar de la Renta

In fashion, the most important thing is to move on.

~Oscar de la Renta

I'm a very restless person. I'm always doing something. The creative process never stops.

~Oscar de la Renta

I am not interested in shock tactics. I just want to make beautiful clothes.

~Oscar de la Renta

My job as a designer is to make a woman feel her very best.

~Oscar de la Renta

There is always an emotional element to anything that you make.

~Oscar de la Renta

We're dealing with sophisticated customers. What's most important to these women is individuality. I have to create things she'll want to wear, no matter who she is.

~Oscar de la Renta

I like light, color, luminosity. I like things full of color and vibrant.

~Oscar de la Renta

I don't really know how to do casual clothes.

~Oscar de la Renta

Nothing says spring like hand-cut flowers.

~Oscar de la Renta

Any girl from any walk of life dreams of that special dress, and I try to make that dream a reality for her.

~Oscar de la Renta

I do not have one theme for each season, I just try to make beautiful clothes all year round.

~Oscar de la Renta

It's important to excite the imagination of a woman.

~Oscar de la Renta

When a woman falls in love with something so much that she wants to wear it- it is at that point that it becomes fashion.

~Oscar de la Renta

And smile, you know I always tell the girls to smile because I hate sad faces.

~Oscar de la Renta

Women are born free, and I think that they should stay that way.

~Oscar de la Renta

The charities closest to my heart have always involved helping children in some way.

~Oscar de la Renta

Accept your friends for who they are, not for who you want them to be.

~Oscar de la Renta

A woman today knows that the power of her femininity is very important.

~Oscar de la Renta

The most important beauty is not that with which you were born, but the

beauty of character which grows through a woman's life and maybe never stops growing.

~Oscar de la Renta

There is no sound more feminine than a woman in a taffeta dress.

~Oscar de la Renta

My beloved Hillary, do not disappoint me. You have to be President, OK?

~Oscar de la Renta

Online media is increasingly influential in fashion.

~Oscar de la Renta

What women have achieved in the last 50 years, I wish men would have achieved in the last 100.

~Oscar de la Renta

My approach is that fashion must always be optimistic, and that a woman will always be enticed by beautiful clothes.

~Oscar de la Renta

Yes, I had cancer. Right now, I am totally clean. The only realities in life are that you are born, and that you die.

~Oscar de la Renta

You know I started an orphanage so totally by accident. A lady came to me and asked me if I would, I will help her and we start it with little school and then I fell in love with it.

~Oscar de la Renta

Tell me, which designers in New York do you think are great - besides me, of course.

~Oscar de la Renta



You don't go to Buckingham Palace in a sweater.

~Oscar de la Renta

If you have the right to call me a hot dog why do I not have the right to call you a stale 3-day old hamburger?

~Oscar de la Renta

Every season I am inspired by women.

~Oscar de la Renta

My wife said I look like a Latin American dictator. I said, 'That's what I am'

~Oscar de la Renta

I was surrounded by sisters. My childhood was all women.

~Oscar de la Renta

My customers are successful workingwomen.

~Oscar de la Renta

The Council of Fashion Designers of America is a national neurotic society of creative leaders in various fields of fashion.

~Oscar de la Renta

I come from a very warm island, where colors are very important, very vibrant, and obviously the color has been an influence on my work.

~Oscar de la Renta

I adore gardening, and whenever I have time off, that is my passion.

~Oscar de la Renta

My entire concept of lifestyle is built on the foundation of my homes. There is no more important expression of this concept than that of my own personal living space.

~Oscar de la Renta

One should travel as light as possible. I can organize myself to go on a ten-day trip with just hand luggage.

~Oscar de la Renta

I have always felt my role as a designer is to do the very best I can for a woman to make her look her best. Fashion is only fashion once a woman puts it on.

~Oscar de la Renta

A woman can wear anything- she can make it right.

~Oscar de la Renta

Work hard. Believe in yourself. It's not the publicity that sells the clothes, it's the woman.

~Oscar de la Renta

Working for incredible talents like Balenciaga and Antonio Castillo, I learned about the immense skill and creativity involved in couture work.

~Oscar de la Renta

Although I have no plans to tweet, I am fascinated by developments on the Internet.

~Oscar de la Renta

Fashion is about the present and the immediate future. I think in terms of now.

~Oscar de la Renta

I would like better to be known as the Godfather of Fashion, with all the implications that that word has.

~Oscar de la Renta

I'm a happy fellow. I feel very privileged, lucky, that I have had a wonderful life. And that I have been always allowed to do what I love.

~Oscar de la Renta

Women think black is the most flattering color, but they're wrong. Pink adds a cosmetic-like radiance and warmth. Black drains the skin of color; pink delights the eye.

~Oscar de la Renta

I think the greatest reward I have is getting up and going to work each day. I love what I do.

~Oscar de la Renta

Excess is not really something I consider a bad thing; especially when you are talking about living.

~Oscar de la Renta

Nothing is contrived. At night, the clothes should pour like liquid over the body.

~Oscar de la Renta

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