

Rei Kawakubo

Quotes

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Journalist, Havens, Responsibility, Giving, Collections, Expectations, Feelings,
Leader, Mind, Way, Creation*

For something to be beautiful it doesn't have to be pretty.

~Rei Kawakubo

Fashion is something that you can attach to yourself, put on, and through that interaction, the meaning of it is born.

~Rei Kawakubo

Creation takes things forward. Without anything new there is no progress. Creation equals new.

~Rei Kawakubo

Comme des Garçons is a gift to oneself, not something to appeal or to attract the opposite sex

~Rei Kawakubo

I make clothes for a woman who is not swayed by what her husband thinks.

~Rei Kawakubo

My energy comes from freedom and a rebellious spirit.

~Rei Kawakubo

The more people that are afraid when they see new creation, the happier I am.

~Rei Kawakubo

Because the fundamental human problem is that people are afraid of change.

~Rei Kawakubo

I don't feel too excited about fashion today People just want cheap fast clothes and are happy to look like everyone else

~Rei Kawakubo

You can tell if it's a good collection if people are afraid of it. In ten years, everyone will love it.

~Rei Kawakubo

Beauty is whatever anyone thinks is beautiful.

~Rei Kawakubo

For me, creation can only come out of a certain kind of unhappiness. They say in Japan, this thing like the hungry spirit - the hungry mind - is what gets you going forward.

~Rei Kawakubo

I work in three shades of black.

~Rei Kawakubo

My intention is not to make clothes. My head would be too restricted if I only thought about making clothes.

~Rei Kawakubo

Fashion is not art. The aims of fashion and art are different and there is no need to compare them.

~Rei Kawakubo

Feeling free inside oneself is being free.

~Rei Kawakubo

The same spirit runs through everything I do.

~Rei Kawakubo

There are no limits - I endeavor to make clothes that didn't exist before.

~Rei Kawakubo

I haven't yet made clothes that I have been totally satisfied with, and

maybe I never will.

~Rei Kawakubo

For me, I haven't succeeded in any way whatsoever.

~Rei Kawakubo

Not only in the creative world but also in the sports world. The most successful achievers in sports are people that are really driven and have that spirit of hunger.

~Rei Kawakubo

I'd rather [the collection] have no title. Journalists like titles. That's why I give them to you.

~Rei Kawakubo

I don't think of myself as anyone special, and I would not know how to define myself.

~Rei Kawakubo

I identified very much with punk, not only in the fashion sector, but in every other sector. The very nature of doing something new and free meant something that was against authority.

~Rei Kawakubo

It would have more meaning for me to hear what critics have to say if their values and their ways of living were deeper and more serious.

~Rei Kawakubo

Celebrity doesn't really affect the work. What affects the work is the expectations from the outside. This is what no one understands.

~Rei Kawakubo

The very, very first thing that I wanted was to make a living - be independent and have a job. It might have come later, that kind of

reaction to the boringness of fashion.

~Rei Kawakubo

I am a clothes maker, and that's all I am. I only want to talk about the making of the clothes. I don't feel the need to go out there and explain that.

~Rei Kawakubo

In the sense that anarchy equals freedom, yes. Anarchy means freedom, but it also means chaos.

~Rei Kawakubo

I always just wanted to have enough to carry on. I never had ambitions to take over the world or be a global enterprise. But I wanted to have a strong business in order to do the main objective.

~Rei Kawakubo

What's good about many people liking the work is that when I want to collaborate or am interested in the synergy of artists working together, nobody ever says no to me when I ask to work with them.

~Rei Kawakubo

Every time before a collection, I say, "I don't want it to come out. I want to cancel it. It's not good. I haven't achieved anything."

~Rei Kawakubo

I'd make my whole collection with just one square of fabric. I wouldn't do anything else; everything had to be made from one square. This is just one example.

~Rei Kawakubo

Most of the things I read from journalists are, you know, a little bit simplified and easy.

~Rei Kawakubo

In the '70s, if anything, it was a more interesting time in fashion. It was a time when things were changing, especially in London.

~Rei Kawakubo

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