

Tim Gunn Quotes

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I have my mantra about silhouette, proportion, and fit. I believe that when they are in harmony and balance, you'll look great in anything.

~Tim Gunn

If I had to choose a single destination where I'd be held captive for the rest of my time in New York, I'd choose the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

~Tim Gunn

You can be too rich and too thin, but you can never be too well read or too curious about the world.

~Tim Gunn

I don't know why I've always been so captivated by architecture.

~Tim Gunn

Life is not a solo act. It's a huge collaboration, and we all need to assemble around us the people who care about us and support us in times of strife.

~Tim Gunn

If you have to ask if a clothing item is a dress or a top, it is always a top.

~Tim Gunn

Take the high road. No matter how much strife, and consternation, frustration and anger you might be confronted with - don't go to that level.

~Tim Gunn

Leggings are everywhere, indeed. Personally, I'm not crazy about them, but they can look great with the right look, a tunic, for instance, or a long cardigan. Just don't try to dress them up!

~Tim Gunn

I want to say to anyone who works in a drone workplace, raise the bar! There's no reason why you have to dress to the lowest common denominator.

~Tim Gunn

The clothes we wear send a message about how the world perceives us.

~Tim Gunn

Just the way it never rains when you have an umbrella, you'll never run into people if you look fantastic. But go outside in pajamas, and you'll run into every ex you have.

~Tim Gunn

My best life advice: Take the high road. No matter how much stress, or strain, or consternation you are facing, take the high road. You will never regret it.

~Tim Gunn

At all costs, avoid clothes that are too big. The more volume your clothes have, the more volume you appear to have.

~Tim Gunn

We need to treat each other with consideration. In my world, the squeaky wheel does not get the grease.

~Tim Gunn

May I respond by merely saying, "I hate crocs. May they please go away."

~Tim Gunn

Few activities are as delightful as learning new vocabulary.

~Tim Gunn

Remember, channel your inner winner.

~Tim Gunn

I believe in the semiotics of clothes. They send a message about how the world perceives us. For me it goes beyond clothes, it's grooming. It's accessories. It's the whole head to toe look.

~Tim Gunn

Success needs to be measured according to the ambitions and the resources of each designer. And many aren't interested in being a megabrand.

~Tim Gunn

It's so important to reach out to people you trust, and who can give you honest feedback, and keep those people close to you. You don't want to surround yourself with enablers.

~Tim Gunn

I believe that treating other people well is a lost art.

~Tim Gunn

But if fashion were easy, wouldn't everybody look great ?

~Tim Gunn

Everyone has a best feature, so find clothes and accessories to accentuate those, whether it's your shoulders or your long legs!

~Tim Gunn

I really believe things happen for a reason, and sometimes that reason isn't revealed until much much, much, much later.

~Tim Gunn

You have no control over other people's taste, so focus on staying true to your own.

~Tim Gunn

Most designers want to show apparel that makes the wearer look as long and lean as possible. And most people who buy clothes want to look as long and lean as possible.

~Tim Gunn

Call me a schoolmarm, but few things make me angrier than people not taking good care of library materials.

~Tim Gunn

There's nothing I like better than going to my apartment, closing the door, cooking my little dinner for one and just tuning out. My apartment really is my haven. It's a nest where I go to heal.

~Tim Gunn

So perhaps the real secret to style is filling yourself to the absolute brim with engagement. Loving not wisely, but too well and all that.

~Tim Gunn

As long as we have Netflix, Turner Classic Movies, Amazon, YouTube, and bookstores, there is no excuse ever to lack inspiration.

~Tim Gunn

I hate the word "eclectic" .I'm a classicist, and I like comfort. Lots of books, lots of artwork, pieces of family furniture, and newer upholstery.

~Tim Gunn

Life is a big collaboration. And we can't navigate it alone.

~Tim Gunn

If I could predict the trends, they would already be there.

~Tim Gunn

Does a man need to know what a peplum is? Probably not.

~Tim Gunn

Exude unconditional confidence.

~Tim Gunn

I will say that the high road can get so high that you can get a nose bleed, in which case you have to get off the high road.

~Tim Gunn

I have to have my coffee. I probably have three cups a day, but only before noon.

~Tim Gunn

In a manner of speaking. I certainly never want to lose my voice as an educator.

~Tim Gunn

I'm much more of a Leo than I am a Cancer.

~Tim Gunn

It was very challenging to mentor the mentors, and yes, you do see more sides of my personality.

~Tim Gunn

Whether it's fashion or it's home, it's all about style. The clothes we wear send a message about how we are perceived, and our home does the same thing.

~Tim Gunn

My manners also came from when I was in college and began participating in critiques. You have to speak with someone respectfully about their work and be honest and open, without hurting them.

~Tim Gunn

I will always be there in the wings saying, 'You need to be good to people. You need to take your work seriously. You need to have integrity. You need to work with what you've got.'

~Tim Gunn

Being a student in an art & design school, that was the moment for me, that was when I began to develop a lot of self-confidence and really come into my own.

~Tim Gunn

And Brooke Elliott is a great actress.

~Tim Gunn

I believe in letting karma do its thing. What comes around goes around.

~Tim Gunn

I learned from teaching. If you are perceived by the student to be belittling them or purely criticizing them without offering up words of encouragement and support, they shut down and discredit you.

~Tim Gunn

Frankly, from my perspective, the bomber jacket is such a classic item you can wear it even when it's not on trend.

~Tim Gunn

Whoever's designing for plus-size doesn't get it. The entire garment needs to be reconceived. You can't just take a size 8 and make it larger.

~Tim Gunn

I'm honest about expressing my opinions. At the same time, I'm diplomatic in how I do critique things if I have a negative response.

~Tim Gunn

I pretty much stay true to myself and try to find the good in people and not be snarky.

~Tim Gunn

It's man's impact on our world that appeals to me more than just nature running wild.

~Tim Gunn

I'm really not a trend promoter because I feel that people push trends on people they shouldn't.

~Tim Gunn

I have a couple of thousand books in my personal library. Choosing a favorite is next to impossible. But I do love the written word.

~Tim Gunn

I just don't like conspicuous consumption. I find it distasteful.

~Tim Gunn

I believe women do the best womenswear.

~Tim Gunn

If you don't have experience sewing, start with that, because that will inform what you are able to design.

~Tim Gunn

What's interesting about textiles is that they are determined about three seasons in advance, that's why when you walk into a store you think "Gee, everything looks about the same."

~Tim Gunn

If you're wearing a jacket, as I always am, the sweater vest always needs to be buttoned, with the exception of the bottom button. But if you're going sans jacket, you can leave it open.

~Tim Gunn

It's not an area where designers want to focus or pay attention - women who are larger than a size 12.

~Tim Gunn

Nothing makes me happier than working with real people in the real world.

~Tim Gunn

I'm very budget-minded myself, and it serves me well.

~Tim Gunn

The element of fashion I'd like to see more often? Clothes that fit people well. For me it's not so much about the clothes.

~Tim Gunn

I learned quickly that if the student's perception is that you're not listening to them, and not understanding them, they discredit you.

~Tim Gunn

I don't believe in the scraping of stuff. Take the existing condition, offer up a diagnosis for what's wrong, and a prescription for making it work.

~Tim Gunn

Frankly, I think that fur on a man is difficult to pull off. If it's the warmth you're after, then I'd go with a fur-lined coat - it won't show.

~Tim Gunn

I love the history of the sport, I love the culture that surrounds it, and I never dreamed I'd become a fanatic. I'm such a fanatic now that I'm committed to competing.

~Tim Gunn

I'm so lucky. I've met a lot of famous people.

~Tim Gunn

Things are recalibrated according to new perspectives and perceptions. It's fascinating to me.

~Tim Gunn

I'm making the assumption that after Mrs. Obama leaves the White House that she will continue all of her work toward improving education in this nation and childhood health.

~Tim Gunn

I guess the most famous person I was so extremely exhilarated by being with - and actually sat next to her at a luncheon at the White House - was Mrs. Obama.

~Tim Gunn

I haven't had a date in 26 years.

~Tim Gunn

The pervasive idea is that if you're a man in the fashion industry, you're gay until proven otherwise. And of course there are lots of men who aren't. But people make certain assumptions.

~Tim Gunn

With fashion, you really need to understand the aspects of construction. Not just design on an iPad.

~Tim Gunn

I found early on in teaching, if you're too blunt an instrument, the students discredit you and think you're just being mean. They're not interested in what you have to say.

~Tim Gunn

I'm one of the biggest introverts you could ever meet.

~Tim Gunn

People put on certain clothes for certain reasons, I assume, when their closet is filled with clothes.

~Tim Gunn

I have my flaws and my issues, past and present and who knows what will happen in the future. I want people to know I'm vulnerable too and each one of us is.

~Tim Gunn

On my first day teaching my own classroom, I threw up before I entered the building.

~Tim Gunn

I've never mentioned this, but when I was at Parsons teaching, the other design disciplines, they don't like fashion design. They see it as very nineteenth-century.

~Tim Gunn

If you told me when I was a teen that I would end up being a teacher, I would have said you're out of your mind, because quite frankly I hated school.

~Tim Gunn

I don't know if people have gotten ruder or if my tolerance level has declined.

~Tim Gunn

I'm not sure what the moral is here...I really just wanted to tell that story.

~Tim Gunn

Mood has a scuba section? Who knew?

~Tim Gunn

Remember someone is going to be out, so don't make it you.

~Tim Gunn

When I'm working in the real world with real women and we're shopping, we find that fashion seems to end when you get any larger than a size 12. How ridiculous is that?

~Tim Gunn

From my own experience, there are so many people who believe that the individual can change. The individual doesn't have to be LGBT.

~Tim Gunn

If you want to write an angry e-mail, write it but don't send it. It's based on my experience that whenever I have acted out in some manner, I have always regretted it.

~Tim Gunn

What's important to a fashion designer? It's much more than learning how to make clothes. In fact, that merely makes you a dressmaker. It doesn't make you into a fashion designer.

~Tim Gunn

I've never said I'm a fashion designer.

~Tim Gunn

I say long and lean as opposed to tall, because you could be 5 four and look long and lean.

~Tim Gunn

A couple of things for the not-so-diminutive man: avoid any prints that are large scale, because you will look like the print is wearing you, as

opposed to you wearing the print.

~Tim Gunn

I learned early on in teaching how easy it is to hurt a young person and that's never my intention.

~Tim Gunn

As I continue to mature and navigate the world, there are so many myths that are dispelled for me.

~Tim Gunn

All the magazines contradict each other because it is so diverse. Know what you like, know what looks good on you and keep doing it, no reason to chase trends.

~Tim Gunn

I've made more bad decisions at 3 in the morning than I can list!

~Tim Gunn

There's one thing I will not do, ever: I will never talk to you about things you cannot change. It plants a negativity in the head of a designer or the student, and it's a distraction.

~Tim Gunn

I just think the Kardashians have an absence of taste and I don't think that that should be perpetuated. I'm sorry I'm sounding like an old farty, snob, but it bothers me.

~Tim Gunn

If you want to, you can share my teaching refrain: I can't want you to succeed more than you do.

~Tim Gunn

Make it work

~Tim Gunn

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