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Artists are born, not made. The first person to make that statement had probably just come face to face with someone like fervid fashion designer and all around artistic dynamo **Esther Nash**.



Model & design by Esther Nash  
Photo credit: David Heischrek

Esther Nash has basically been creating since the day she was born. Her first memories include making jewelry, and by the age of six selling it outside her mother's pub. Next thing you know, she'd picked up her first pens and began a lifelong love affair with drawing. She's been a dancer, gymnast, actress and model, in addition to designing clothes. Her talents have won her numerous design and art scholarships; she graduated from the same arts high school as **Calvin Klein**, and she's a semester away from finishing at the prestigious Fashion Institute of Technology or FIT. In other words, this girl is a bona fide fashion star with a pedigree to prove it. Plus, Esther Nash is a mogul in the making.

While most designers are cutting their first patterns, overachiever Esther Nash was opening her first store. At the ripe old age of 18, she'd saved up enough money to christen the *Baby Doll Boutique* in the Park Slope Section of Brooklyn. Even then Esther didn't rest, she took her profits from the successful store and used them to expand, opening two more stores by the time she was 21.

Now, Nash has brought her fabulous fashions to South Florida. She beams when she speaks about her

## Fabulous Fashion Designer Shines in South Florida!

plans, saying this is the perfect place for her clothes. She describes her designs as swimwear, club wear, resort wear and rock star gear for women with the petite, athletic build.

This very busy young woman, took a few minutes to chat with us as she prepares to rock South Beach with a fashion show later this month, as part of the grand opening celebration of the beach's newest hot spot *The Living Room*.

MM: Who wears your clothes?

EN: Petite, Millenium socialite divas and fashionistas of today and tomorrow. I design for people who are confident and want people to see them and not pass them by without saying hi! My motto is be seen and be remembered, sparkle and shine like the superstar you are. I think most people know how beautiful they are on the inside, but not on the outside. They need a designer to bring out their outer beauty.

MM: How do your clothes do that?

EN: My clothes are dual purpose. Time is money and people don't have time to get ready for that hot date. While you're getting ready Prince

Charming could pass by. All of my clothes unsnap, unzip; you can go to the beach, a pool party, or a five star restaurant. You're dressed to impress all day long and all night long.

MM: Perfect for South Florida.

EN: It's a tropical paradise. Everyone here has a great body, athletic, fit. They love to show off their skin. It's outdoor living. You dine outdoors and dance under the stars.

MM: What is your plan for South Florida?

EN: I've been going back and forth, but I would love to do six months here, six months in New York.

MM: You want to open a store here?

EN: Yes, after I get to know the people, the property.

MM: Where do you see yourself in five years?

EN: I don't know. Hopefully, have my designs be known all over the world. Wherever there's a resort, tropical atmosphere: Mexico, Venezuela. Next time you think of vacation, think Baby Doll.

MM: We know you work hard, but what do you do for fun?

EN: Kickbox! And, I like to go dancing, travel and wear my designs.

For more information about Esther Nash, or to check out her designs call 305-674-0540 or visit [www.babydollboutique.com](http://www.babydollboutique.com). Her clothes are also available at *Joey Rolon and Mosh Pit*, both on Washington Ave. The opening of *The Living Room*, 671 Washington Ave, is scheduled for April 27th. For more information about the event call 305-673-1640.

