

Kerry Washington, Lyn Paolo to Launch Scandal Collection at Limited Stores: See the First Look!



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Kerry Washington and costume designer **Lyn Paolo** have joined forces with The Limited to launch a *Scandal* fashion line.

"By creating a line inspired by the show, we are introducing a collection that embodies the elegance and power of the *Scandal* aesthetic for real-life gladiators and everyday fashionistas," Washington (aka Olivia Pope) said in a press release. "The collection is a nod to our devoted fans, to fans of fashion and to women everywhere who are inspired to boldly pursue their passions and look good while doing it."

The new mom to daughter Isabelle Asomugha, 2 months, worked alongside The Limited's head of design Elliot Staples and Paolo, the show's costume designer, who has earned a cult-

like following, to create the line's tops, pants, jackets and outerwear. "It's been really fun to have a voice at every stage of the production from picking buttons, choosing fabrics and weighing in on hair and makeup people," Washington, 37, told *WWD*.

"People who love the look of the show can now step into this world in a way that is affordable and accessible because not everybody can afford to have the clothes they see on the show," she said. Indeed, unlike the hit ABC drama's designer items that typically include Prada and Dolce & Gabbana, prices for the pieces will start at \$49.



"The whole team took great care in creating a collection that reflects Olivia Pope's unique style. We believe the collection tells a story of confidence and professional sophistication as well as maintaining a strong feminine point of view," Paolo said in a press release. "I am so excited and hopeful that our Gladiators are as excited about the collection as we are; it has been such tremendous fun and such an honor to design for the amazing characters that **Shonda Rhimes** has created and now to help make their style accessible to all."

Gladiators will be able to shop the Pope aesthetic (neutral tones, modern silhouettes, and overall kickass style) in late September in The Limited stores nationwide and online.