

Colorful Leather

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

M.G. Ballard grew up in Akron, OH and studied fine art at the University of Akron and eventually moved to Indianapolis, IN, where she opened a custom design salon.


After the launch of her fashion career, Ballard began experimenting with different fabrics. Her first venture into leather came when one of her sisters asked her to design something wild for her to wear to the Grammy Awards. Having collected a bunch of old leather and fur coats, Ballard cut them up and used them to create an exquisite, voluminous coat that featured mouton monkeys and suede snakes. Her love affair with leather had begun.

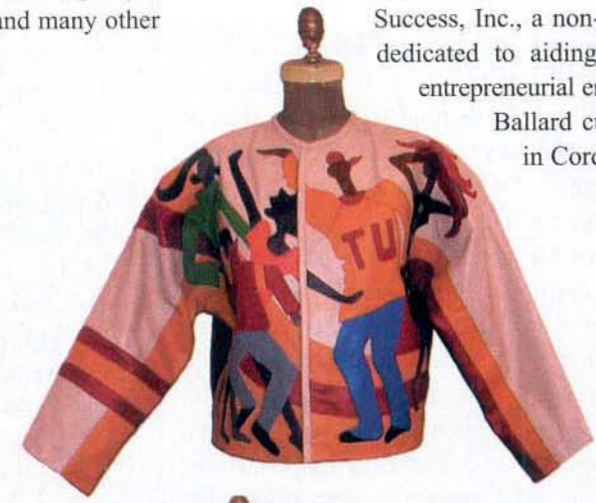
Ballard's designs are owned by celebrities such as Angela Bassett, Albertina Walker, Iyanla Vanzant, Dr. Barbara King, Myra J, Sybil and Ms. Dupree, Coco the comedienne, and many other



professional, yet daring, women across the country. With the release of "Behind the Eight Ball" (produced by MEE Films, Inc.), her home accessories made their Hollywood debut.

In addition to her work as a designer, Ballard applies her talents to purer forms of art in the creation of original wall hangings – some of which are reproduced and included in her home décor line. She is currently working on a commissioned piece for the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN, and a collection of wall hangings in tribute to her Uncle – Hank Ballard, the originator of "The Twist." The collection will be showcased in July 2007.

Ballard recently partnered with some of her friends and associates to establish Women of Style, Spirit and Success, Inc., a non-profit 501(3)c corporation dedicated to aiding single mothers pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors (womenofsss.org). Ballard currently works and resides in Cordova, TN. 



FAR LEFT:
Aztec swing coat, sizes 8-24.
Retail price: \$899. Dress to accompany coat, \$299.

LEFT:
Lift Him Up unisex bomber jacket, sizes S-3X. Retail price: \$659.

ABOVE
School Days short jacket, sizes 8-24.
Retail price: \$459.

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Ballard works with 34 colors of leather and customers can customize the colors of their coats, jackets and other garments. She conducts private trunk showings at boutiques and homes and customers can also order directly from the website. For complete ordering information and to view the online catalog, please visit www.mgballarddesigns.com.

FAR LEFT:
Fantasia, a lightweight long jacket with splits on both sides.
Retail price: \$899

LEFT:
Peacock below the hip, semi-fitted jacket with set in sleeves and inset side pockets, sizes 8-24.
Retail price: \$659.

BELOW LEFT
Let's Go Glamming short jacket, sizes 8-24. Retail price: \$459.

BELOW
Childs Play hooded coat, sizes 8-24. Retail price: \$799.

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