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## A DAY IN THE STUDIO WITH KAROLINA ZMARLAK

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Karolina Zmarlak's aesthetic concentrates on modern tailoring, refined construction and innovative details and fabrics (python and cashmere equals greatness, obviously). Born and raised in Poland, she soon found herself residing in Chicago. Her sensibilities inhabit all that's European, while weaving a sense of diverse community into her creations. Every aspect of the [KAROLINA ZMARLAK](#) collection is designed and produced in New York's Garment District under the designer's exacting standards, each piece reflecting her native Polish heritage with Eastern European minimalism and modern sophistication. Below, SHK spends a day with Karolina at her studio while she shares sketches, fits and models, and indulges in the creative process - in her own words.



**“When cashmere is fused with python from our Italian exotic supplier, the winter is welcomed.”**



**“Designs flow better when reflecting on technically based, visual creativity.”**



**“Enduring designs originate in a highly personal awareness and obsession with the female dimension and shape.”**





**“Partnerships stimulate a deeper creative process, or you’ll get an earful in the morning.”**



"Just a Polish woman in New York."