



map of her heart ▲

Growing up sailing the waves of the African coast, Shilo Engelbrecht shied away from glitzy fashion shows and fickle conventional trends. But as it turns out, these frivolous childhood experiences would eventually fuel her passion for her creative work later in life. Entering the Mercedes Benz Startup competition in November 2005 with a collection that uses soft and light fabrics that encourages the wearer to embark on spirited adventures, her prints are noticeably inspired by aerial photographs, topographical maps and magnified images. The collection titled *Map of my heart* captured the judges' attention and Engelbrecht subsequently won an opportunity to showcase her entire range at Sydney Fashion Week in May. "They reflect my childhood, my present location and perhaps a blueprint of my future," she says of her work.

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