

Breezy SEASIDE STYLE

Long before boyfriend shirts were in vogue, two siblings created a line of clothing that puts a feminine spin on traditional menswear. From button-down shirts to gingham-check skirts with sassy ruffles, Claridge + King's sisters-meet-misters style is perfect for every season.

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As fresh as the ocean breezes that play along the shore, Claridge + King's garments can easily transition from a morning walk to a garden party. Opposite: The His Is Hers® Original Shirt in light blue perfectly pairs with casual pants, while the V-Neck Sleeveless Dress has a jaunty tie-belt and pockets to cache beachcombing finds. This page: Layer the Herringbone Linen Ivy fitted shirt in indigo blue over a white tank.





“WE INSPIRE WOMEN TO VENTURE BEYOND THEIR COMFORT ZONE AND TRY OUR PIECES—OUR QUALITY AND DETAILS ARE TRULY AMAZING.”

—Lizbeth King

Sisters Laurann Claridge and Lizbeth King may have followed different career paths after college—Laurann worked in print media and talk radio, while Lizbeth pursued investment banking—but in 2008, the two merged their talents to launch Houston-based Claridge + King, a clothing company inspired by the tailored menswear they’d loved since their teen years in Connecticut. Their partnership works in large part because of the unbreakable bond of sisterhood, what Lizbeth refers to as “a very special level of trust that others may struggle to reach.” The result of this familial collaboration is a line that offers women beautiful items that quickly become the staples of their wardrobe. “These pieces are neither fast fashion nor disposable,” says Laurann, “but beautifully crafted, timeless classics made with quality fabrics that stand the test of time.”



*Lizbeth handles the business and financial side of things, while Laurann relies on her creative background to set the tone for each season's collection, handling everything from the initial sketches to the final samples that will head off to production. The versatile Stitched Collar Tunic in Stone, shown this page, can be worn with or without the accompanying belt. *V**

