

## From scientist to fashion designer: The journey of veterinary technologist Dipolelo Semenya



An Equestria scientist who is a specialist in veterinary technology has left her job and pursuing the fashion designing for his aim towards the fancy designer. She, who had high paying job has now left for his high-scale interest, Semenya is now performing well at fashion market.

"I am chasing my dreams. I am making an impact in my life and those that I dress. I had to make the hardest decision in my life and I am glad," said Dipolelo Semenya.

Getting bored from morning 9 to evening 5, Semenya wanted to do something which satisfies her desire and she left the job as she got confident enough about her future.

"I was always tired and wanted to do something that was fulfilling and close to my heart."

Semenya said when she told her friends and family she had resigned from her high paying job they thought it was a joke.



"They didn't understand why I would want to pursue a career in fashion, which might not sustain me and my child."

Semenya said she chose a career in fashion because she did not want to live a normal life.

"I want to leave a legacy. I don't want to live like everyone else. I believe I was born to stand out and I am here in this world to create."



She said her love for making clothes stemmed from helping her mother, who was a seamstress, cut fabrics when she was younger.

"I would sit with my mother and watch her as she cut through patterns. I slowly started having this idea of also doing what she was doing."



"At the time I didn't realise that I needed to pursue this as a career."

Semenya eventually learned to create her own dresses.

"When I wore the first dress I made people thought I had bought it at some boutique."

"People would compliment me whenever I was wearing something and they didn't know I had created it myself," she said.

Semenya's clothing range includes evening gowns, dresses and corporate suits.

?I want to produce my clothes on a mass scale. I am also planning on exporting my designs and also partner with women who sew as I can't work on the sewing machine.?

She will be showcasing her clothes at the Tshwane fashion festival.

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