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Hester van Eeghen The leather designer

Hester van Eeghen fell in love with leather after discovering a shop in Amsterdam's red-light district that sold it by the ounce. "I was studying Dutch literature and law at the time, but I broke my foot and was wheelchair-bound, so I started designing handbags as it was something I could do without moving around too much." She opened her first handbag store in Amsterdam in 1987; this was followed by a shoe store in 2001. Hester is inspired by a number of things: "I like architecture, particularly Bauhaus, and painters, such as Sonia Delaunay whose colours I love, but I'm also inspired by the many objects I collect from antique markets during my travels." Hester says: "The looks for this season are daring colours like pink and yellow, along with simplicity in shape."

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