

Origami Customs is a trans-owned line of swimwear and undergarments that feature free custom sizing to support folks of all bodies and genders. Our unique gender and body-affirming gear is handmade in Montreal by a small team of queer and trans people. Our mission is to get affirming products to anyone who needs them, even when it means giving them away for free.

Fondé et géré par des personnes trans, Origami Customs est une ligne de maillots de bain et de sous-vêtements qui sont faits sur mesure gratuitement afin de pouvoir s'adapter à tous les corps et identités de genre. Nos articles d'affirmation du genre et des corps sont uniques et faits à la main à Montréal par une petite équipe composée de personnes queer et trans. Notre mission est de pouvoir offrir à toutes les personnes qui en ont besoin des produits affirmant leur genre, même lorsque celles-ci sont confrontées à des obstacles financiers.

About Us

I'm Rae Hill (they/them), a non-binary trans fashion designer and the founder of <u>Origami</u> <u>Customs</u>—a Montreal-based fashion brand that creates ethically made, gender-affirming lingerie and swimwear for folks of all bodies and genders.

Origami Customs offers fully custom-made, gender-affirming garments that are made by queer and trans people here in Montreal. We take care of our community first by providing above-average salaries, skill training, and a comprehensive gender affirmation benefits plan that's hardly ever seen! Through this, we provide thoughtful creation of gender affirmation products because we see each individual customer as part of our global community.

We strive to offer people of any size, shape, age, ability, and gender expression a safe way to have customized clothing items that meet their needs. That's why custom sizing is always included in your order, and there's never any size cap or fat tax. We are the only gender-affirming company to do this! Not only do we customize it for free, but we've eliminated the binary altogether in the shopping experience! By also customizing the "gusett", each item can me made for each person's unique body, regardless of genitalia.

We also make sure our customers have access to up-to-date, free and accessible safety information and resources beyond just our fashion niche. We host free monthly webinars on topics including disability and gender, professionalism for trans folks, dating, advocacy, and training for allies.

Beyond designing our products and running our Montreal production studio, I also started a global community program that collaborates with hundreds of NGOs, healthcare providers,

universities and more to provide free, gender-affirming garments to trans and gender-diverse individuals who face systemic and financial barriers. We donate hundreds of free garments per month through this unique program.

Mission

At Origami Customs, our mission is to make gender-affirming fashion accessible to everyone who needs it. We handcraft custom undergarments, swimwear, and compression garments that affirm and celebrate trans and gender-diverse identities, while reimagining what inclusive fashion can be.

As a slow fashion brand, we are committed to ethical, all-Canadian production and to breaking down systemic barriers in our industry. That begins at our production studio in Montreal, where we prioritize comprehensive employment strategies tailored to gender-diverse individuals. This includes livable wages, excellent working conditions, and access to gender-affirming healthcare benefits, all things almost unheard of in fashion production.

We also believe that gender and body-affirming products are not luxuries, but human rights: tools that support mental health, safety, and quality of life. Because access should never depend on income, we created a global Community Program that partners with over 100 NGOs to distribute thousands of our garments for free to those facing financial barriers.

At a time when trans rights and access to affirming care are under attack, we stand firm: fashion is not just clothing, it's a lifeline. Origami Customs exists to create dignity, access, and joy for underserved communities because everyone deserves to live fully as themselves.

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