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Fashion fans mourn death of designer Kate Spade

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Kate Spade debuts new designs at New York Fashion week.

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Accessories and apparel label Kate Spade's eponymous founder has been found dead in her New York apartment from an apparent suicide.

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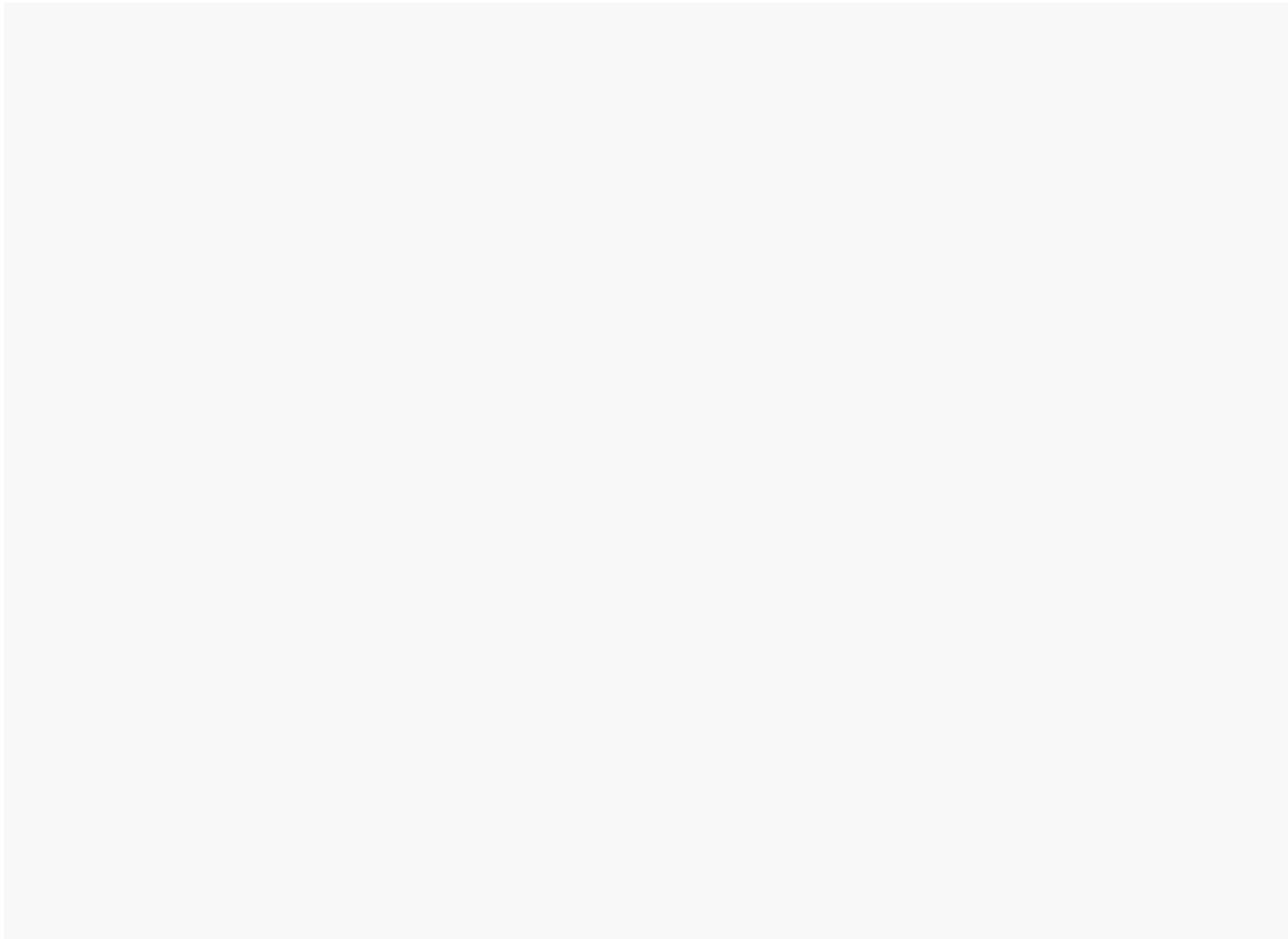
While Ms. Spade had not been designing for the label in recent times, she has made a significant impact on the luxury and accessories industries. Her housekeeper reportedly discovered the 55-year-old after she hanged herself on a bedroom door.

Impact and legacy

Sources say that Ms. Spade was found hanging by a red scarf tied to a doorknob at 10:30 a.m. June 5.

The Associated Press reported that a note was found at the scene as well, but details of the content have not been made public.

Ms. Spade is known for her significant legacy in design, and went on from the Kate Spade company to create the label France Valentine with her husband a few years ago.



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A post shared by Frances Valentine (@fvalentineny) on May 29, 2018 at 9:58am PDT

The designer leaves behind a 13-year-old daughter and husband Andy Spade, brother of actor David Spade. Reports say that her husband was home at the time of her death.

Despite Ms. Spade's long absence from the eponymous label, stock in Kate Spade owner Tapestry dipped after the news of her death broke.

New York-based fashion company Coach, now known as Tapestry, rounded out its portfolio with the purchase of rival accessible label Kate Spade in 2017.

Formerly a solo fashion label, Coach became a multi-brand organization after it acquired Stuart Weitzman in 2015, and the company has further aspirations of growing its umbrella of brands. Coach purchased Kate Spade in a \$2.4 billion transaction, putting some other speculation to rest ([see story](#)).

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