



KIM ET STELLA DESIGN



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- **CRAFT/PROFESSION**

Kim MANATE and Stella PROUCHANDI are dressmakers, creating their own designs and specialising in Polynesian-inspired fashion for men, women and children, including accessories such as bags.

- **BACKGROUND**

Stella started her sewing career in 1977 when she was 17, making Mother Hubbard dresses alongside her stepmother before moving on to do piecework for local fashion brands.

Kim met up with Stella in 2014 and the two designers clicked immediately. They are complementary, both in terms of personality and of creative vision. Kim has worked in tailoring since 1999 and trained in fashion design and styling.

- **INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS**

Kim and Stella draw their inspiration from Polynesian arts and culture; their designs reflect the ethnic diversity of Pacific Region

countries, fusing vivid colours, lace and flowery motifs.

Their collections are often seen on catwalks in local shows, and the two partners adore dreaming up spectacular designs featuring unusual materials like tapa, feathers, raffia, faraoiti, shells and mother-of-pearl... real crowd-pleasers!

