



NIRINA CREA



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• CRAFT/PROFESSION

Nirina LECOMTE handcrafts all her creations in her home workshop: handbags, hair bands and women's fashions.

The flowing lines and flowery patterns of her unique designs are inspired by Pacific island styles. She loves working with vibrant flower-patterned fabrics and creates ultra feminine on-trend fashions designed to flatter the wearer.

• BACKGROUND

Nirina grew up surrounded by a family where making clothes - choosing fabrics and selecting and cutting out patterns - was a shared passion. Her mother and grandmother passed on their knowledge and love of dressmaking to Nirina, and she began making cute outfits for her dolls when she was very young.

She enjoyed making clothes for herself and for family and friends, and for several years

it was just something she did in her spare time. But one day she thought "Why don't I turn what I love doing as a pastime into my profession?"

Having taken the decision, Nirina happily moved onto the next step, created her own brand and launched herself as a professional stylist and dressmaker, just like all the women in her family before her.

• INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Nirina has been influenced by the rich diversity of styles and fashions she discovered during her frequent travels to Mayotte, Martinique and Guadeloupe, and also finds inspiration in traditional styles in New Caledonia. She complements concepts drawn from her Caribbean experiences with ideas culled from women's magazines and fashion shows.