



• CRAFT/PROFESSION

Laurence TARPINIAN is based in Koné, where she designs and makes princess dresses, fancy dress outfits, communion or confirmation dresses for young girls and wedding and evening dresses for women. Every one of her designs is a unique, made-to-measure creation, often hand-embellished with flowers, beads, embroidery and brilliants. Laurence first sketches her design and creates the pattern to cut out the outfit; she then sews the pieces together to create the finished garment. Her sewing machine and overseamer purr softly in the background as each satin and tulle creation takes magic shape.



• BACKGROUND

Laurence learned her skills as a teenager from her expert seamstress mother, and has always designed and made her own clothes.

She published photos of her designs on her Facebook page and got a lot of very positive feedback. Orders began to flow in from Polynesia, Wallis and, of course, New Caledonia.

As a result, Laurence decided to launch her own business and set up her workshop in 70 m² premises at Les Cassis development in Koné.

• INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Laurence is passionate about her craft and is still inspired by her childhood dreams. *“Every little girl dreams of becoming a princess”* she says, *“and it’s a dream I have always been fascinated and inspired by, making it come true gives me such joy and happiness”*. Engrossed in her meticulous, magical work, time stands still. In creating every design *“I try my very best to capture each child’s personality in his or her costume”*.