

Maggie C: Designer Chic, Maui Style

Wailea Shopping and Dining Guide

We all aspire to feel comfortable in our own skin and do what we love. Maggie C ~the woman, brand and fashion icon- has done exactly that with clothes for a Maui laid back lifestyle, while transcending Aloha shirts and muumuus.

"I live in my designs," the celebrated haute couture fashion designer said. "I design for women in my age group: Mothers, business owners, travelers. I design for women who want to wear something that goes from day to night and still feel beautiful."

Transitional clothing is very important to the Toronto-native of North Korean ancestry, who creates everything (including patterns, samples, and designs) in her studio located in the town of Lahaina on Maui.

Her elegant designs look as amazing in a jet-set destination as they did when you packed them. Somehow, Coulumbe has perfectly cultivated this awe-inspiring feat of fashion. She takes pride in being able to create an entire wardrobe with her travel-friendly pieces that her clients can put in a carry-on bag, then travel around the world with ease, grace, and absolute chic style.

With inspiration driven from the natural beauty of Maui, she designs for the free-spirited, successful, fashion aficionados who vacation here, as well as the trend-setting fashionistas who live here. In Maggie C's clothes, her clients are stylish, elegant and comfortable, in her transitional pieces that can be worn multiple ways.

With a refined focus on creativity and movement, glamour is always at the forefront. Luxurious silks hand-chosen from Bali, incredibly soft jersey cottons, fine linens, and other lush fabrics line her store. When women put them on they feel beautiful, sexy, and confident whether for a special occasion or an easy-to-wear casual look.

While she is known for her edgy, eclectic, one-size-fits-all dresses, (which have a mysterious quality to fit almost every woman's body perfectly), custom design work also keeps the designer very busy. She can magically create just about anything, for any size, within days.

Coulombe wants to create pieces that women can wear for years to come, including cutting-edge garments for special occasions and even weddings.

"My customer designs are investment pieces that can be worn 10 to 15 years from now and still look stylish and sleek," Maggie said.

The designer, who has styled for A-listers such as Halle Berry, Paris Hilton, and Teri Hatcher among others, has a loyal following and is recognized by fashion-conscious women all over the world. Her designs have been featured in *Elle*, *US Weekly*, *Lid*, *Modern Luxury*, *Maui No Ka Oi*, *Glitter Japan*, *and Glamorous Japan*.

Definitely don't miss checking out, trying on, and falling in love with the gorgeous fashions of local designer, Maggie Coulombe.

Stop by her store at the oceanside *Whalers Village* in Kaanapali or call for more information at (808) 344-6672 or email info@maggiecoulombe.com.