

# Cut from Wordly Fabric

Vancouver designer Zonda Nellis talks travel, fashion, and the inspiration behind her colorful designs.

## 花樣生活

——著名服裝設計師Zonda Nellis和她的最愛

2014年10月11日，一位秀美的華裔少女身著漢服登上了紐約翠柏卡表演藝術中心的舞臺，她即將要表演的是中國古典舞。

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大膽的用色，絕美的印花，輕薄的面料和流動的剪影，這是Zonda Nellis作品的主要特色。這位溫哥華設計師的靈感多來源於富有活力的民族風情。她的客戶有很多不同國家的上流人士，包括好萊塢老牌女星Goldie Hawn，奧斯卡影后Halle Berry，甚至還有英國王室成員Michael of Kent公主。

「當你使用品質非凡的面料做設計時，你會想保持它的天然質地。」Nellis認為這和使用最好的食材做料理是一個道理。真絲和亞麻是她最喜愛的面料，而她的靈感多來源於旅途中邂逅的民族風情和手工工藝。

Nellis從5歲起就開始學縫紉，「色彩總是會給我靈感，建築的細節甚至照片也會給我創意。」她的面料印花靈感甚至來源於特殊訂製的家居裝飾，像是威尼斯酒店為了和手繪天頂搭配而訂製的靠枕。

Nellis設計的服裝完全在溫哥華本地製作，你可以前往位於Granville南部的Zonda Nellis工作室和專賣店一睹她精彩的作品。

In a burst of colour, pattern, and fluidity, Zonda Nellis' creations bring to mind the heated vibrancy of exotic locales. With a ritzy international clientele that includes such names as Goldie Hawn and Halle Berry to Princess Michael of Kent, the Vancouver-based designer is renowned for her stunning, whisper-light fabrics, bold palettes, and airy, flowing silhouettes.

"When you have an extraordinary fabric, you do very little to it," notes Nellis. She compares it to using the best ingredients in cooking. Silks and linens are her favourites to work with, with designs often influenced by ethnic and handcrafted elements drawn from her travels.

"Colour always inspires me," says Nellis, who began sewing at five years old. "Inspiration can also be an architectural detail, it can be a photograph." Her textile work extends to special-order interior details, such as cushions designed to complement the hand-painted ceilings in a Venetian hotel.

Locally made in Vancouver, Nellis' collections are available exclusively at her South Granville atelier and store.



ZONDA'S PICKS

"I have worn this for years," says Nellis of her signature scent, **L'Heure Magique by Laura Mercier**, with notes of pikake petals and bergamot. Her menu must-haves are Italian burrata and **fruity Moët & Chandon's Rosé Impérial champagne**. She adores colorful **tulips**, and the handcrafted elegance of vintage **Karl Stittgen jewelry**. Travel essentials include a large cashmere shawl and brightly coloured **Benetton suitcases** she buys in Venice. "They are lightweight, and I have them in pink, purple, green and orange!" In clothing, Nellis chooses hand-painted linen caftans and the **Miro coat** from her own collection. A beauty fave is **Laura Mercier Stick Gloss in Baked Earth**, part lipstick, part sheer balm; and in bags she looks for practicality with a versatile paisley-printed **Etro tote**. When it comes to architecture, the designer admires the culturally diverse work of **Hossein Amanat** who is designing her mixed-use Vancouver property. And she'll never tire of the timeless beauty of **Venice**, which she loves to explore on foot in her breezy **Pollini woven platform sandals**.

Nellis鐘情**Laura Mercier**的**L'Heure Magique**香水很多年，因為它富有孔雀花瓣和佛手柑的溫暖香調。奶香濃鬱的意大利Burrata芝士和水果口味的**Moët & Chandon's Rosé**皇家香檳是她的必點餐飲。色彩繽紛的**鬱金香**，還有手工精緻、設計優雅的**Karl Stittgen**珠寶都是她的最愛。她出門必備的是羊絨披肩和在威尼斯購置的色彩明快、重量輕盈的**Benetton**旅行箱，她同時買了粉色、紫色、綠色和橙色四個箱子。她身著自己設計的有手繪圖案的亞麻卡夫坦長衣和**Miro**外套，最喜歡的化妝品是焦土色的**Laura Mercier**唇彩。她還會拿上一個**Etro**手袋，因為其民族風的絢麗印花和她自己的設計很搭配。**Hossein Amanat**的**建築設計**因為富有多元文化的特色而受到她的青睞，她在溫哥華South Granville街的新店面也採用了這種設計風格。如果去旅行的話，水城**威尼斯**的永恆之美總是讓她流連忘返，是她最愛的度假地。

