CARIKE NEL DESIGNS

CUSTOM MADE DRESSES INFORMATION



ABOUT THE DESIGNER



Carike Nel earned her BA in Fashion Design from LISOF (now STADIO) in 2013. With over a decade of experience in bespoke garment creation, she began her career crafting couture dresses and costumes for music videos, including Naweeklyfie by Lianie May and Jay, Volmaan by Leah, and Tweede Kans by Riana Nel.

Her reputation grew as she designed dresses for high-profile artists in major productions such as Afrikaans is Groot and Krone. Notably, she was nominated for a SAFTA award for her costume design in the Afrikaans feature film Susters, which starred Leah, Diaan Lawrenson, and Quanita Adams.

Carike's designs have graced features of numerous magazines, including Rooi Rose, Sarie, Huisgenoot and DEKAT.

In 2023, her label, Carike Nel Designs, was voted Matric Dance Dress of the Year. In 2025, three of her dresses where in the top 13 of SARIE's matric dance dress of the year, and one of her dresses received the most votes from the public.

Her fashion journey has been marked by several accolades, including the Best All-Round Design Student in 2012 and the Best Avant-Garde Range in the 2013 final-year fashion show at LISOF. Currently, Carike collaborates with her dynamic team to create custom gowns and offers her own line of dresses available for rent.















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STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR THE CUSTOM MADE PROCESS

Step 1: WhatsApp your inspiration picture/s to 0828942815. You can combine dresses, like the back of dress one, the bodice of dress two, etc.

Step 2: Carike will send you an estimate cost of making the dress based on the images. THE MAKING FEE IS NON NEGOTIABLE. If it just over your budget, you are welcome to set up a consultation, then Carike can discuss more affordable design/material options with you.

CONSULTATION FEE OF R350 – R550 (depending on the consultation option you choose) IS PAYABLE BEFORE THE CONSULTATION, the banking details and address will be sent on confirmation.

Step 3: If you accept the quote and want to proceed, Carike will send option of the material from various stores, you can choose the material VIA the photos or visit the stores yourself to see the material.

Step 4: If we do not find anything online, you can make an appointment to meet Carike at METRO- IN MENLYN RETAIL PARK, please note there is an additional call out fee of R250 for the fabric shopping at Metro- this must be paid before the consultation.

Step 6: You pay 100% of the material and 50% of the labour cost as a non-refundable retainer.

Step 7: Carike will contact you for your first fitting. It's an average of 4-5 fittings, (this can be more) depending on the design and the client.

Step 8: Carike will let you know when it is the last fitting. The outstanding amount of the labour cost must be paid BEFORE you take the dress or before the original date of the event.







FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Website: www.carikeneldesigns.com

Instagram,
Facebook and TikTok:
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Timeline:
3-4 months is needed to create a gown with exceptions. If you need something urgently contact Carike and she will have a look at the design and let you know if it is possible.

Fittings:
Carike handles all the fittings herself as far as possible (with exceptions of her being ill or having an emergency).

Address:
Same premises as Tayfin Royale hotel, Cnr Wierda Rd and Willem Botha Dr, Centurion, Eldoraigne, Carike Nel Designs, Block B

Google Maps:
Carike Nel Designs

Working hours: Monday – Friday 9AM – 4PM, **all fittings are by appointment only.**

An additional cost of R150 is charged per fitting after hours. This includes Saturdays (note- Carike is only available limited Saturdays).

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we design.