

CARIKE NEL DESIGNS

CUSTOM GOWN INFO



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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 for the unique maroon frill gown worn by Denile Burger.

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.

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 you are looking to save money, you are welcome to set up a consultation, then Carike can discuss more affordable design/material options with you, or you can set up a consultation to discuss all your ideas.

CONSULTATION FEE OF R250 IS PAYABLE BEFORE THE CONSULTATION, the banking details and address will be sent on confirmation.

Step 3: If you accept the quote and you feel it's not necessary to first book a consultation, Carike will set up a time to meet you at the fabric store- METRO AT MENLYN RETAIL PARK (duration is strictly 1 hour and 15 minutes).

A TRAVEL AND TIME FEE OF R200 IS PAYABLE BEFORE THE MEETING AT THE MATERIAL STORE, the banking details and address will be sent on confirmation. Note: If the consultation and material shopping is done in one meeting the fee is R400.





Step 4: You will meet at Metro in Menlyn Retail Park for the purchasing of material. At the fabric store Carike will take your measurements and go through a contract with you. She will also draw your design there and make notes if you haven't booked a separate consultation yet.

Step 5: Now we shop for your perfect material! Carike will help and guide you too choose the material best suitable for your design and budget.

Step 6: You pay the material at the fabric store as, 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, 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.

NOTE: If you want to make special arrangements for payments please discuss with Carike.

FAQ:

Social media:

www.carikeneldesigns.com

Instagram, Facebook and TikTok: Carike Nel Designs

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). An additional cost of R100 per fitting after hours.

Working hours:

Monday – Friday 9AM – 4PM, by appointment only

Saturday, by appointment only (Carike is only available certain Saturdays and only in the morning.

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