

★ life & style

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The gorgeous young designer talks to Sunday about motherhood, being Pakistani, and her Angry Birds addiction!

How did you decide to get into fashion designing?

My major motivator was to create what I can't find. I was interested in high fashion and trends, and when I started making clothes myself, I knew this is what I wanted I do professionally.

What are some things you love about living in Karachi?

No matter what, you're always a first class citizen.

What is some advice you'd give to a novice in your profession?

Don't modify your designs to suit others. Sell your style as you would wear it. You're not a tailor.

What is your greatest fear?

Drowning

What does it mean to be Pakistani for you?

I would like to say that I wish being Pakistani would mean to be united as one, under whatever deity you worship, and to be able to depend, rely, and give hope to each other.

What is your design inspiration?

The ethnicity of the Greek style will be the strongest reflection in my designs

What's been the highest high and lowest low for you?

My highest high: is becoming the mother I have always wanted to be. The reward in seeing what a great child I have raised.

Lowest low: Don't feel I have faced that yet. Thank God!!

How do you balance your personal and professional life?

Let go of the things that are not critical and prioritize what you want done. I try and lay out my responsibility for the day and set plans and try to complete them on a daily basis.

LIFE STYLE:

>> Fav. vacation spot: Beach holidays

>> What perfume do you wear: 24 Faubourg

>> Fav. Restaurant: Okra

>> Last indulgent purchase: My watch

>> Addicted to: Angry Birds (on my iPad)

>> Earliest childhood memory: My sister playing pranks on me If I could change one thing about me it would be... Eating habits!

FASHION:

>> Which watch do you wear: Cartier

>> Oldest item in your closet? The hangers

>> Favourite designer? Lanvin

>> Necessary extravagance:

Traveling

>> Biggest fashion mistake: High top sneakers!

AT HOME:

>> Love or money: Good balance of both

>> Music in your iPod: Black Eyed Peas, Enrique Iglesias, Bruno Mars

>> Favourite hobby: Swimming

>> Blackberry or iPhone? Blackberry

>> What time do you wake up: 9 am

>> Do you work out? I run on the treadmill

When are you happiest? At home watching shows I still can't believe I ... have a great laugh every evening with my husband and daughter!

