

Local lingerie with twist



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PERTH fashion designer Karolina Stysiak decided to start her own high quality, locally produced lingerie label late last year.

Karolina Couture Lingerie is designed and made in WA from the finest quality silks and laces and the collection includes everything from luxury and bridal lingerie to accessories such as garters and eye masks.

Stysiak said she travelled to London, Paris and Tuscany to research top end European lingerie, talk to industry experts and source fabrics and trims.

"The lingerie in Paris is incredible and there are so many boutiques to choose from," she said.

"I didn't want to have to travel to Europe or buy from their online stores to get my lingerie fix. I thought that if I felt this way there must be so many other women in Perth who feel the same. I also wanted to create something uniquely Western Australian in design, but with a French sensibility."

Karolina Couture Lingerie's



Lingerie designer Karolina Stysiak.

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first collection, Tuscan Dreams, was released earlier this year and named after the designer's inspirational research trip.

Featuring Italian silk tulle, metallic stud detailing with French lace and premium Japanese trims, the lingerie has a unique feminine look and

feel. The label can now be purchased from some western suburbs retailers, with plans to expand and stock nationally.

Find Karolina Couture Lingerie at Bella B Wear, 429 Hay Street, Subiaco, The Bridal Room, 19A Green Street, Mt Hawthorn and online at www.karolinacouture.com.au.



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