

DESIGNER OF THE WEEK

Cory Judge bridges East and West with accessories

You really can't go wrong with traditional Chinese and Japanese silks.

The vibrant colours, the embroidered detailing, silky textures – all spell timeless beauty. The trick these days is adding a modern twist to it. And that's exactly what Cory Judge did with **Shi Studio**, a line of accessories that combines West Coast stained glass artistry with Asian textiles. Using a special light-weight glass, she covers silk brocades and sets them in sterling silver. The result is the ultimate East meets West fusion.

"I've always been attracted to Asian influences," says the Vancouver native who attributes her love of all things Asian to growing up in a city where nearly 40 per cent of the population is Asian. "It's probably one of those things that you're not conscious of because it's around you all the time. But you can't help but be influenced in a positive way. I



Cory Judge

mean I've always loved going to Chinatown ever since I was a kid – love all those dragons and I can't get enough of the cherry blossoms motif."

So how do you rock a Shi piece?

"I know I sound biased, but they actually look good with almost everything," says the local designer, who points out that you can customize her accessories by ordering them online (www.shistudio.com).

With 120 silks to choose from you can go matchy, matchy or you can do high contrast with a rising-sun red jewel set against a classic black outfit. Or you can just work a teal belt buckle on with a pair of jeans and a favourite T.

It's a versatile aesthetic that seems to appeal to people of all ethnic backgrounds.

"We do have quite a few Asian customers," says Judge. "I think for them it's quite exciting to see something that is part of their traditional culture translated and used in a very different way."

- Sarah Rowland, 24 hours



Shi Studio large earrings (\$58), medium pendant with omega wire (\$60) and buckle & belt (\$110). Shi Studio accessories are carried at several Lower Mainland boutiques and galleries including Liquid (2050 W. 4th Ave.), Vancouver Art Gallery Store (750 Hornby St.) and Front & Co. (3772 Main St.). All prices are suggested retail.



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Shi Studio buckle & belt (\$110) and large pendant with omega wire (\$66).

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Porizkova on ANTM

America's Next Top Model viewers will see a new face on the judging panel for the reality competition's next installment.

Supermodel Paulina Porizkova has joined the CW series as a judge for Cycle 10, replacing Twiggy, who is departing the series because of scheduling conflicts.

On the judging panel, Porizkova joins Tyra Banks, the show's creator/executive producer/star, runway expert J. Alexander and fashion photographer Nigel Barker, along with special guest judges.

Porizkova, who has graced the covers of hundreds of magazines over the span of two decades, recently competed on ABC's *Dancing With the Stars*.

- Reuters

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