

Local Designs Clothing Ecologically

LamanBlu™ (which means "blue sea" in Papiamentu) is the name of an eco-friendly designer clothing line for girls, ages 2 to 7. Bamboo fabric plays a lead role in the collection. It is sold through specialty boutique stores across the country, but can be purchased by Highlander

readers specifically. enhance their own unique look. Select styles are also available in adult sizing.

More about LamanBlu™ and Gibson's background as a fashion designer: LamanBlu™ is the vision of designer Holli Gibson. Gibson established her career as a designer in the 90's, designing sportswear and dresses for many high profile private clients as well as major high end retailers, including Nordstrom's and Victoria's Secret. After taking time with family and friends, and relocating to the Rocky Mountains, Gibson has re-entered the fashion world, this time with her focus on children.



"It's such a fun business, it really gets in your blood and you can't leave it forever," says Gibson, "besides, my husband is thrilled that I've quit redecorating the house every season!" Gibson's children ushered in her desire to focus on kids. "Children

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Being a mom herself, Gibson understands that even special clothes need to be functional. Her fabrics are soft and wonderful to the touch, all with great movement. "Since kids never stop moving," she says. Durability is also important. Everything in the line is machine washable and ironing is optional. Gibson finds inspiration in her travels and in the nature close to her Mountaintop studio. Trips to Turkey, France, the Italian Alps, Mexico and throughout the Caribbean have influenced her clothing and textile designs, resulting in a worldly esthetic that draws upon many cultures, crafts and time periods. Forays into nature also inspire her, providing vivid imagery of snowflakes, pebbles, water, fish and other creatures of the coral reefs, trees, flowers and animals. These organic patterns and shapes are recorded in her sketchbook and her photo journal and emerge, sometimes unexpectedly, in her designs. "I love traveling and often collect ideas from architecture, the culture and the wonderful people you always meet," says Gibson. Her next trip will be a windswept beach in the southern Caribbean to explore the reefs and watch the living jewels flitting around them. Find her line of clothing in specialty boutiques across the country.

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