

Ia orana, my name is Linde

I'm 14 years old. I'm traveling around the world with my family on our sailboat Zouterik. I've been away from my home country The Netherlands for almost two and a half years now. But during our journey I've learned that I can feel at home at many places.

When we're strolling along the beaches, I'm always looking for special shells to take home. I've always admired the art of making jewelry out of shells, but I never really knew where to start.

Until we arrived at Raroia.... A beautiful little piece of paradise in the middle of the Pacific Ocean where a local family really made me feel at home. The local women taught me everything there is to know about finding shells, the right time to look for them, the places they hide and how to clean them. The best part is that they transferred their lifelong knowledge about making shell jewelry to me.

I've found my own style and I now know how to make the most beautiful necklaces, bracelets, anklets and rings out of the shells I find myself all around the world. I hope you'll like them as much as I do and will wear them with pride. And don't forget to visualize yourself on that little piece of blue paradise!

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The process



Together with my family I go beach

Combing on every beach in French Polynesia I can find. Tevahine and Manulani on Raroia taught me where and when the most beautiful shells can be found. Sometimes at night, sometimes during rain, under palm trees and on coral reefs. And at the right tide. It takes a lot of time and patience to collect the shells.



The shells need to rest under sand for four Weeks to be clean enough to process. After I've cleaned them, I prepare them for making the jewelry. I learned a special method to pinch holes in the shells so that I can make beautiful necklaces, bracelets and rings from them.





To give you an idea: finding the right shells for the necklace pictured below, cleaning and pinching the shells and designing and finishing the necklace takes about 5 hours.



COLLECTION

Necklaces Bracelets Anklets Rings Sets Specialties

Necklaces

You can choose between beautiful shell lockets (1) or individual shells on a leather adjustable string (2), necklaces with shells and beads in all colours (3) and the more traditional shell necklace (4 and 5).





Necklaces

Also in the shop are necklaces in uni colour with a white shell (6, many colours possible) and traditional necklaces with a unique neck clasp that you can also wear the other way around as a locket (7). Linde created another leather necklace with solely white shells (8) and a braided necklace with brown shells all around (9).









Bracelets

Bracelets vary from very special traditional little shells (1) to the bracelets new in the collection with adjustable bands of leather in two colours (darkbrown, 2, light brown and blue, 3), decorated with a white or brown shell of your choice.



Bracelets

Linde makes bracelets of colourful combinations of beads and shells. They can be made to order in many colour combinations and with a shell of your choice, brown or white. Bracelets with beads have an elastic band for your comfort or come with a traditional bracelet clasp.



Anklets and rings

Anklets are delivered with a shell clasp or a regular silver clasp (2). Anklet 3 comes with a hand braided band. Rings are made of little colourful beads on a comfortable elastic band with a choice of maoa shell (with infinity sign) or an obvelata shell. To design the maoa ring requires more work, therefore this ring is slightly more expensive. You can also order a combination of gold ring with shell and a silver side ring to combine with it.







Sets

I can design a combination of different jewelry pieces together. Pictured on this page is a leather/shell set of necklace and bracelet. I can design this in dark or light brown leather and with a combination of white or brown shells at your choice.



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3 Is a combination of necklace and bracelet, available in many colours. 4 Is a combination of bracelet and rings, in gold/silver beads combination, at your choice, finished with a white shell.



Specialties

I can fulfill special wishes too. 1 Is a medallion/locket you can wear on a necklace (then I can fix it to a leather band) or just use as a decoration in your house. I can make it in two varieties as shown on the pictures.

2 Is a cozy candle light holder for a tea light.

3 Is a set of wedding rings, designed especially for our sailor friends who got married in French Polynesia. I can deliver this to you in a suitable gift wrapping upon request.



Order, wrapping and delivery

My shell creations are special also because we are at a remote location. This makes it a challenge to deliver your order like in a regular online shop. I hope for your understanding. We have to rely on fellow sailors who fly home and are willing to take your order with them. I can also make enquiries about the costs and delivery times to send your order by mail. 'Worst' case scenario is that I make your order ready and can only hand it over to you when we come back to The Netherlands.

Orders over 50\$ come with a complementary gift wrapping or you can include it in your order.











