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# Seasonal Sensation

Welcome in the arrival of Cape Cod's breezy spring style  
with custom dresses by a local designer, set against Woods Hole's  
color-soaked backdrop

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Hopping the Island Home ferry to Martha's Vineyard, the girls just want to have fun in colors ripe for spring. Sarah wears the Shibui Ingrid dress in a seafoam blue, lightweight, washable and lined linen, while Laura shines in the Louisa sleeveless dress in washable, lined silk green-on-green polka dots. Her matching tourmaline and diamond six-petal pendant sparkles, as well, in 18k yellow gold (\$7250, Ross Coppelman, Goldsmith).





Nobska Light and our models keep an eye on the sound in playful pastels. Sarah wears a pink and white checked Coco cut Shibui dress with a squared neck detail that goes from day to night, as Laura catches the breeze in a blue and white polka dot Sophia cut dress made with a polished cotton.



Top: A 37 3/4-inch double-strand of Chinese freshwater semi-white pearls dresses up any look with its three-boulder opal bezel set toggle clasp and two ideal cut diamonds (\$6700). Center: Ideal for night or day, Sarah shines in a 22k gold, ruby, diamond and pearl Angel necklace (\$10,875) Bottom: The Skyline pendant with diamonds (\$850) shown on a 16 strand stainless steel neck wire (\$160) and matching earrings (\$895) feature silver, 22k gold and diamonds to complement any outfit. (All jewelry supplied by Ross Coppelman, Goldsmith.)



Sarah makes herself comfortable at Captain Kidd's Restaurant and Bar, one of Woods Hole's most iconic hotspots, dressed in a Shibui Designs' one-of-a-kind original. The pink patterned dress is Shibui's classic Sophia cut, while the fabric is one of many washable, unlined cottons just perfect for every day wear in the summer. Shibui dresses range from \$425 - \$595, depending on the style and fabric selected.



Colorful houseboats scattered about the Sound provide a quiet home away from home for many summer residents of Woods Hole. Sarah has some fun in another Sophia-cut dress in red and orange polka dots, also in washable cotton.



Floating becomes flirty on Laura in a burnt orange washable silk dupioni with a shot of color found in the breathable turquoise lining at the ruffled hem of the Shibui Louisa style dress.



### Meet the Designer

Elizabeth Nill didn't begin her career in fashion. Far from it actually, spending 35 years in executive positions following a Harvard MBA. But when Liz hit a certain age, she began to notice fashion didn't fit and flatter. "I wanted finely made, classic dresses handcrafted in fine fabrics to truly fit my shape. I don't have the body of a model, and the bulges are real," she says. Her solution was to launch a custom, "made-to-measure" fashion line for women who look for exceptional quality and expert detailing, as well as camouflage unavoidable can't-help imperfections. That line is Shibui Designs, the designs found throughout this fashion feature.

"Shibui" is a Japanese concept of simplicity and subtlety, which is exactly what Nill wanted to create in her designs. Using classic lines to enhance the female shape with details and in fabrics that are tailored and contemporary, no two dresses are alike due to the one-of-a-kind solution. Shibui provides a number of dress styles like the "Jackie," which recreates Jackie O's simplistic, yet classic style, or the "Grace," which borrows its look from Princess Grace. From there, women select from a number of different fabrics, and then size and measurements are taken to create the perfectly tailored dress.

Originally selling her dresses through her website upon "retiring" to Barnstable, where she summered her entire life, Nill recently opened a Shibui store in historic Barnstable Village. Say hello when you see her in the shop!

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Bathhouses dot Nobska Beach's private, residents'-only stretch of sand overlooking the sound. Sarah emerges from a bathhouse in a green, white and black washable cotton and silk voile fabric in Shibui's Coco cut, as well as a classic 18k gold ocean cuff with diamonds (\$9550) from Ross Coppelman, Goldsmith.

