

THE STYLE INTERVIEW

LINDKA CIERACH is a fashion designer. She makes very exclusive clothes for women. She has made clothes for many celebrities including members of the British royal family, for example Kate Middleton and Sarah Ferguson, whose wedding dress she designed, and actresses like Helen Mirren.

DID YOU ALWAYS WANT TO BE A DESIGNER?

Not at all! When I (be) at school I had problems reading, and later I was diagnosed as dyslexic. The only things I (enjoy) there were art and sewing. After school I did a secretarial course and then I (get) a job at Vogue magazine. I (love) it, and there I realized that what I (want) to do was design clothes.

WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE LIKE YOUR CLOTHES?

Being a female designer has many advantages. I really understand how women want to feel. My customers leave the studio feeling a million dollars!

WHAT NATIONALITY DO YOU THINK HAS THE BEST FASHION SENSE?

Probably the Italians. _ They are so chic, and their sense of color is so natural to them,

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A FANCY DRESS PARTY?

I hate fancy dress parties. But I can remember one, when I (be) ten.

WHAT DID YOU GO AS?

My mother (make) me and my younger sister dress as a bride and bridegroom - I (be) the bridegroom! I absolutely (hate) dressing as a man.

HAVE YOU EVER MET SOMEONE WHO WAS WEARING EXACTLY THE SAME AS YOU?

Never, thank goodness! I'm lucky because I can choose from a large selection of our Collection each season!

HAVE YOU EVER (fall) OVER BECAUSE YOU WERE WEARING VERY HIGH HEELS?

I've never (fall) . but once I (have) to take off my shoes in the middle of a reception at the House of Lords!

WHAT DID YOU DO?

I (walk) out into the street in bare feet and jumped into a taxi!

HAVE YOU EVER (design) CLOTHES FOR A MAN?

Yes, I have.

WHEN WAS IT?

It was when I was studying at the London College of Fashion. I designed my first Men's Wear collection - shirts, trousers and leather jackets. My boyfriend at that time(be) very lucky. He didn't need to buy any clothes that year!