

author profile



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LILY M. CHIN

Lily M. Chin is an internationally famous knitter and crocheter who has worked in the yarn industry for nearly 25 years as a designer, instructor, and author of four books on knitting and crochet. She was the first American knitwear designer to create a line of fashion yarns under her own name, The Lily Chin Signature Collection, launched in 2005 with CNS Yarns.

She has created couture crochet for the New York Fashion Week runway collections of designers Ralph Lauren, Vera Wang, Diane von Furstenberg, and Isaac Mizrahi, and her work has been on the backs of celebrities and super models, from Racquel Welch and Vanna White to Cindy Crawford and Naomi Campbell.

In the 1990s she was named a “Master Knitter” by *Vogue Knitting International*. In her career she has designed some outrageous garments, including an Absolut Vodka cozy for an international marketing campaign, a string bikini for the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue, and ready-to-wear for the Gap. She is regularly cited in media across the United States, including *Time*, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, and *New York Daily News*, for redefining the image of today’s knitter and crocheter.

Most recently, she’s hosted the high-fashion knitting show, *Stitchcraft*, on the Oh! Oxygen network. Her other television credits include the *Late Show with David Letterman*, *Martha*, *CBS Morning News*, ESPN’s *Cold Pizza*, *Fox & Friends*, *The Jane Pauley Show*, CNN, HGTV’s *Sew Much More* and *The Carol Duwall Show*, *Needlearts Studio* on PBS, *DIY’s Knitty Gritty* and *Jewelry Making*, and more.

Chin is the official spokesperson for the Orphan Foundation of America Red Scarf Project, which collects handmade scarves to send warmth and encouragement to America’s college-bound foster youth each year in Valentine’s Day Care Packages. Website: www.orphan.org

Lily Chin has lived in New York City nearly all her life and has been involved in some aspect of the fashion industry since age thirteen. She is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, Queens College, City University of New York, and The Bronx High School of Science.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Homeground:
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Books:

Couture Crochet Workshop
 (Interweave Press, 2007)

Expressions - a Lily Chin Signature Collection pattern book
 (CNS Yarns, 2006)

Knit and Crochet with Beads
 (Interweave Press, May 2004)

The Urban Knitter
 (Berkley Pub Group, 2002)

Mosaic Magic: Afghans Made Easy
 (Oxmoor House, 1999)

Lily Chin has also contributed to:

Scarf Style and Wrap Style
 (Interweave Press)

Awards:

Named a Master Knitter by *Vogue Knitting International*

Became the CYCA/BHKC official fastest crocheter in the world in 2002 and defended the title in 2004

Recipient of the TNNA Jubilee Award in 2005 for contributions to the needle arts industry