



Gypsy has definitely come a long way from that first pair. Her next collection will include new cuts made from lace, as well as a bandeau-style bra. "It took me five tries, constant measuring and a lot of drawing before I finally figured out how to structure the bra," she says. One of the challenges she faced in creating the brassiere was the lack of boning material in Hawai'i. Resourceful and determined, she used a zip tie in creating the sample, and "it actually worked out pretty well!"

Always the dreamer, Kate hopes to one day open up a lingerie boutique that would carry a select line of her intimates, as well as swim and sleepwear, and it seems Hawai'i is just the place for that. "Hawai'i is still evolving, as far as fashion and art, and that actually is a really good thing," she says. "It's what allowed me to start my own collection. In New York, it's so intimidating I would've never thought about starting something of my own. People here are open, to knowing about new designers and trying them out. I definitely see there's a community here, and that's a positive thing." ■

Gypsy lingerie is available on O'ahu at Olive Boutique in Kalaheo, on Maui at Pink By Nature in Makawao, and online at [www.madebygypsy.com](http://www.madebygypsy.com)