

# Out with the Oversized & In with the Delicate Designs

Kalaki Riot redefines statement jewelry

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These days, when it comes to jewelry I am drawn to simple, delicate, beautiful designs, and Tracy Palac Dungo's boutique jewelry line, Kalaki Riot, has exactly that. Handcrafted from recycled metals, 14k gold, sterling silver and brass, the beach-and-travel-inspired line boasts dainty necklaces, earrings, rings and bracelets that work well layered and on their own. After taking a jewelry-making class last spring, Tracy went from creating pieces solely for herself, family and friends to developing two lines, Palm Escape and Coastal Fever, for all to wear.

"I originally started designing jewelry because I felt like there was a lack of connection between "everyday" pieces and wanderlust. A lot of my designs that are out right now started at the beach or my travels and I am constantly inspired by places I'd rather be at in that moment... I love the look of natural and organic shapes and incorporated various semi-precious stones into some pieces in my first collection," shares the New York based designer.

As for the exotic appellation, Kalaki means Tracy in Hawaiian, and Riot was added "because it summed up a lot of things I wanted this brand to be --a resurgence of simple statement pieces reminiscent of travel-inspired design," says Tracy. Kalaki Riot is available for purchase from their online shop [www.kalakiriot.com](http://www.kalakiriot.com), as well as on [www.BRIKA.com](http://www.BRIKA.com) and [www.StyleCable.com](http://www.StyleCable.com).



## Q&A

**Miami Living: What celebs would you like to see Kalaki Riot on?**

**Tracy Palac Dungo:** "Jessica Alba, any of the Olsens, and Alana Blanchard."



**ML: What makes Kalaki Riot unique?**

**TPD:** "We strive for each piece to maintain a certain character and authenticity about it and design for the girl who appreciates that. To her, "statement jewelry" doesn't always mean the biggest or flashiest, but also a simple look that she defines and chooses to wear every day. It's her own statement and that's cool."

**ML: What are some of your favorite pieces?**

**TPD:** "I always wear the Sea Ring and (one of my many) Destination Necklaces – both remind me of my happy place: the beach!" [Destination necklaces are custom designed to boast the coordinates of your favorite place in the world.]