

# BAES AND BIKINIS

Los Angeles native Stephanie Princi talks about her sexy swimsuit collection

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**Fantastic show! Where did the inspiration for this show come from?**  
**We saw a lot of crochet.**

**Stephanie Princi:** "Thank you. Oh crochet, my inspiration is my mother. She used to hand-make and crochet bikinis, so I get a lot of inspiration from her from that. But the whole entire show is inspired by higher-end brands like Valentino, Gucci, Givenchy —those kind of people. I love that kind of look, dramatic, haute couture, that was a theme this year, a more haute couture collection."





**What's the story behind your company's name, Baes and Bikinis?**

**SP:** "I did this company in high school, so when I was in high school, I would always hear the word bae, so I thought, maybe put [together] baes and bikinis, make it more catchy."

**Which look do you absolutely love?**

**SP:** "My favorite are the two crocheted dresses, the black and the white, one was more flowy at the end, and the other one is more slim, straight."





**Is that the one on the model you walked out with?**

**SP:** "That one too, actually. But these two are my high-end, couture pieces that are meant to be rented or bought because they're very expensive. And you can wear them to an event, too."

**Where are you from?**

**SP:** "I'm from L.A., but originally, my mom is from Greece. Greek."





**What celebrity would you like to see your designs on?**  
 SP: "I would love to dress Kim Kardashian or J.Lo."

**Which pieces do you see on them?**  
 SP: "I would prefer the couture dresses. I think those are my favorite. I'm so happy with those pieces. I worked so hard on those."

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