
Marian Umar



Marian with a dress she designed for her niece
whole new world opened up to her:

Marian entered the world of high-fashion when she was just 5 years old:

“When I was young I was sewing clothes for my dolls with my hands. Making little outfits.”

As she got older, Marian didn’t slow down. In high school, she began volunteering for a sewing class as a fabric cutter. But she wasn’t sure sewing was the career for her.

“I thought maybe a designer for interior houses.”

But a year ago Marian started attending the *Somali Family Safety Task Force’s* Saturday Women’s Sewing Class and a

“I want to be a fashion designer. My goal now is to go design school but first I’m going to ESL to improve my English. Then school!”

Marian has dreams of opening up her own store in Seattle featuring her designs as well as other local designers. Recently, she attended a fashion show in Seattle’s Ballard neighborhood where she helped dress models and put together outfits for the show.

“When I see beautiful fabric, I get so excited! I just want to feel it with my hands.”

Her favorite things to sew? Handbags and dresses. She’s already designing and sewing dresses for her nieces and family. Check out her work and for more stories like hers, visit our [Facebook](#) or [website](#).