

**"Ipu"**

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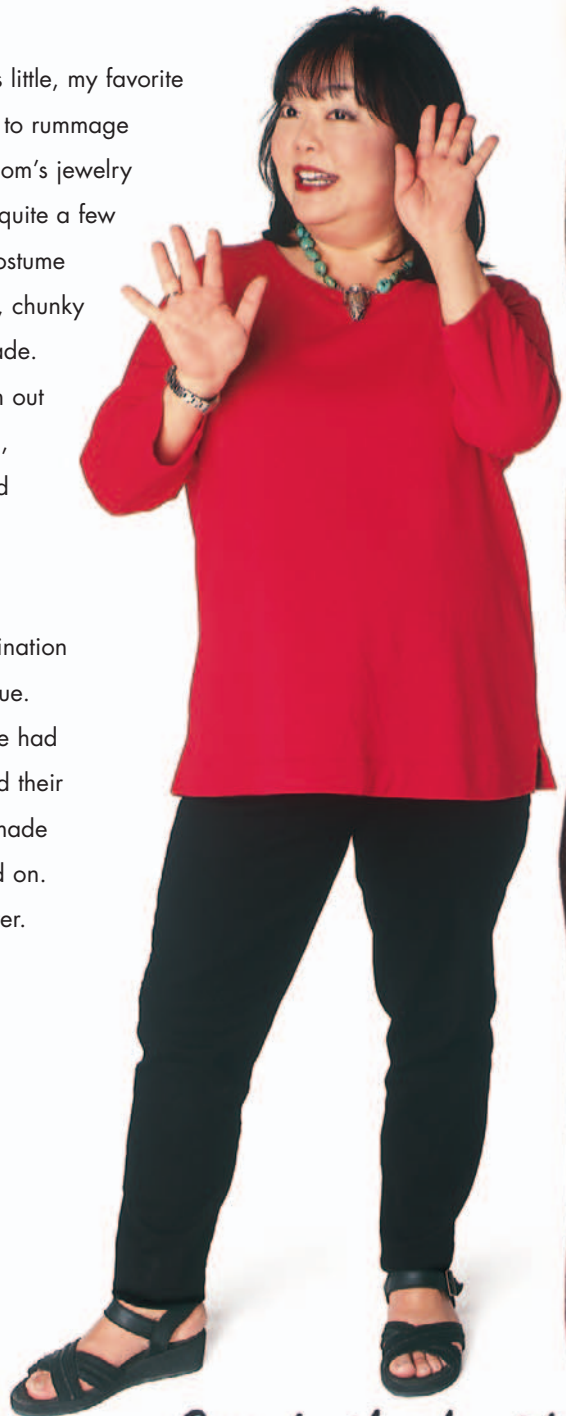
When I was little, my favorite pastime was to rummage through my mom's jewelry box. She had quite a few 50s and 60s costume pieces—colorful, chunky and very well made. I would drag them out just to look at them, touch them and hold them—admiring my shiny little treasures.

I've had a lifelong fascination with jewelry. With its value. With its longevity. Someone had to really love a piece to spend their hard-earned money on it. A well-made piece can outlast generations. It can be passed on. It can carry the flavor and personality of each wearer.

There's no reason or rhyme to how I create.  
I see it in my head first—build it with my mind's eye.  
I don't know how to describe it.  
It's what I feel in my gut and in my soul.  
It's an impulse.

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*admire.*



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