



If an **orange peel** can become a **rose**, what can you blossom into?

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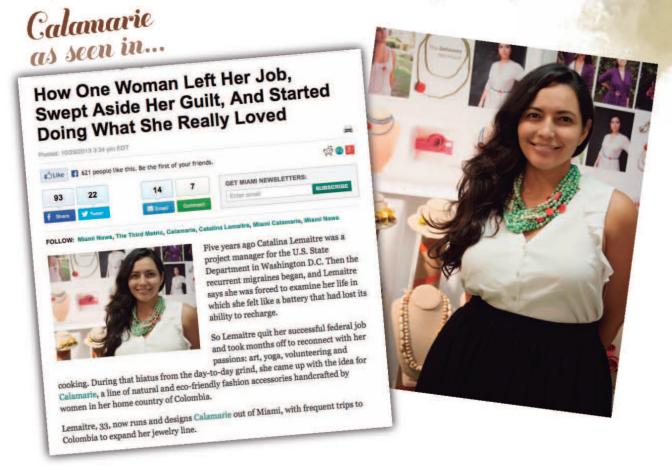








Calamarie founder Catalina Lemaitre just featured in the Huffington post!



Five years ago Catalina Lemaitre was a project manager for the U.S. State Department in Washington D.C. Then the recurrent migraines began, and Lemaitre says she was forced to examine her life in which she felt like a battery that had lost its ability to recharge.

So Lemaitre quit her successful federal job and took months off to reconnect with her passions: art, yoga, volunteering and cooking. During that hiatus from the day-to-day grind, she came up with the idea for Calamarie, a line of natural and eco-friendly fashion accessories handcrafted by women in her home country of Colombia.

Lemaitre, 33, now runs and designs Calamarie out of Miami, with frequent trips to Colombia to expand her jewelry line.

HuffPost Miami spoke with the young social entrepreneur about finding fulfillment outside the typical measures of success.

What ultimately motivated you to quit and pursue your passion?

I was the epitome of success in the eyes of my friends, family and even myself, but in private I felt utterly lost. I kept feeling like I was on a river, being dragged by its currents with no idea why I was on it in the first place or where it was heading.



Calamarie's bestselling

3 Rose Braided Necklace
is the winner in the

Eco-Choice Awards
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The "roses" in this collection from fair-trade company Calamarie, are made from discarded orange peels collected from juice vendors. The skins are thoroughly cleaned before being sun-dried, shaped and dyed. The flowers are then combined with seeds, vegetable ivory, coffee beans, and other natural materials to create necklaces, bracelets, earrings, pins, hair combs and belts.





3 Rose Braided

→Necklace



Insight magazine

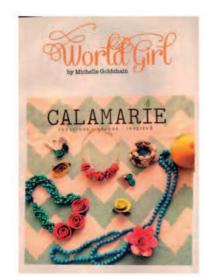
All-natural acai seeds, orange peel roses, and pearls make up this unique tool for medication and prayer. The 45-inch necklace (\$26), wich can be worn long or as a belt, is a very fashionable upcycled piece of wearable art.

Calamarie partners with micro businesses in Colombia to craft this Fair Trade line of jewelry, wich includes necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, and accessories. What could be more eco-friendly than repurposing discarded orange peels?



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Calamarie in Luri & Wilma Magazine
March 2013

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isso fee levely ladies shared their table but id not have the same business. So to clarify who made what laddrine densities (in buts) is the created of DALAMNEE. A fabrican line of jeesely that hepton save the planet? What could be better. Her accessories are made of dried orange pasts, how penius!, and other crysted materials. She is not done yet, she donates some of her proceeds to help others in need. So not only do you fast fabricos wearing her art, but also for helping a great cause. Visit her

itest we have Claudia Clamante (in white) who is the muster mind behind DIAMANTINA. A besulful time that focuses on leather. She creates unique, handmade bage, clutches, and bells from Argentina using chinques such as embossing and engreving. Her one of a kind bags allows you to know that no one sits in the world has such a bag but you, How mappeal! Visit her at Diamantina.net.

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designers and artisans, promote fair trade and social responsibility and help build their capacity and support their growth. All the products are hand crafted using natural and local materials and often recycle or reuse them in innovative ways.

If you missed the Mercado, don't fret. CALAMARIE will be holding a

If you missed the inercado, onto the Country will be noting a holiday trunk show at Local 16 (202 265-2828) on December 10th from 6pm. Not only will you get the chance to own a wonderful piece of Colombian artistry but you will also be donating to charity (a percentage of proceeds from the sales will be donated to Miram's Kitchen in DC).

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Es Lo Mio! at Argentine Embassy by Five4Fashion

by Yulia Mikhalchuk

Five4Fashion, a fashion consortium of stylists, hosted their first collaborative event, Es Lo Mio (It's My Style) on Thursday night, December, 2. They took over the recently renovated Argentine Embassy to showcase their products and services. The event went on whole day, was spiced by musical performances, model demonstrations and light Hors d'oeuvre. Gift bags for each and every guest included unique Calamarie earnings, all made of natural organic materials such as seeds and orange peel.



https://sewfrugalandfashionable.wordpress.com/



These necklaces, earrings and hair accessories by Calamarie are all made from discarded orange peels and coffee grinds.

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As the show was about to begin everyone began to move outside to the sidewalk or to the opposite side of the store. Each model carried a piece of artwork which was very well-coordinated with the garment they were wearing. Beside being all organic and keeping the clothing made by local independent artists, what I really appreciated was that the models were women who represented a good spectrum of sizes. They were real women not all a size 2 and 6 feet tall. Not only was this satisfying it also allowed those who were viewing the clothing to see themselves in these designs. Katherine you and your team did a great job. Enjoy the pics!