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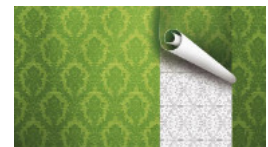
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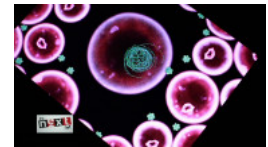
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***Editor's note:** Diana Eng is a fashion designer and technologist who gets her inspiration from math, science and nature. Watch a full profile of Diana Eng this Sunday at 2:30p ET (all-new time!) only on CNN.*

Diana Eng's mission is to bring innovation to the fashion world, and she's doing it with some very unlikely tools.

Best known for her role on the second season of "Project Runway," Eng creates fashion and accessories that combine cutting-edge technology with design concepts from nature and science.

"I like to look at technology, math and science and how to integrate it into fashion designs," says the New York-based designer. Eng has knitted scarves using the formula from the [Fibonacci code](#) as well as [thermochromic scarves which change color with the temperature](#). She also uses laser cutters to design lace patterns and distressed T-shirts.

The composition of flower cells has inspired her designs and help them keep structural integrity.

"I like to make fashion and accessories that tell a story," says Eng. "The story usually comes to me while I'm designing. And it can take me two or three years to design something, because I'm carefully gathering little bits and pieces of the story together, to create my design."

Eng is also one of the founding members of a Brooklyn-based hack space called [NYC Resistor](#). In an unassuming warehouse, she and 30 other members with a variety of backgrounds meet to learn, make things and share ideas.

"They have a whole bunch of electronics there so I feel like whatever I'm doing, whatever technical development (I want) inside of things, I'll go to NYC Resistor," she says.

Eng says she wants people to enjoy not only her fashions but the thinking behind the product.

“I’m really interested in making people think differently about things,” she says. “I feel like it’s really teaching people to look at materials that already exist and think about how it can change how we live our lives and how we can create.”

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