

# Padma Plays Dress-Up!

If fashion designers can have superfans, Padma Lakshmi is Naem Khan's No. 1! The *Top Chef* host models her favorite styles for *Star*.

**I**SPY! She's divine! Padma asks, "It feels so effortless." She's nearly swooning, surrounded by gowns on top of gorgeous gowns. Padma is in longtime friend Naem's inner sanctum: a custom-built Closet Factory walk-in, which houses dresses worn by A-list celebs on the red carpet. In a row, made-to-order dresses are displayed in shiny, frolicy windows and see-through panels. Padma is like a kid in a very upscale candy store, modeling her favorite looks and trying on some slinky pieces. "I'm like a black or pepper," she laughs. Here's a peek at a few of the treasures hidden inside.



Browsing through the racks, Padma found her most-loved Naem blue number. "I'd love to have it to wear again and again," she said. Ask and you shall receive! Naem gave Padma the green light.



She's wearing his dresses countless times on the red carpet, but Padma's got a very special plan in mind for this gold and white off-the-shoulder gown. "If I ever get married again, this could be my wedding dress, with Indian jewelry," she says.



"The closet and its contents are every girl's fantasy."  
—Padma tells *Star*



Changing into a shorter, flirty look, Padma pulls an option from Naem's Asian-inspired spring 2008 collection. "I love the theme, it feels so royal. It's gorgeous with beautiful detailing."

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