

DRESS CODE

NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE MOLLY DICKSON FINDS HER WAY IN THE FASHION WORLD.

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*After cutting her teeth at Marie Claire and as celebrity stylist Leslie Fremar's assistant, North Dakota native Molly Dickson started flying solo within the past year. The 31-year-old New Yorker has quickly made a name for herself, having styled memorable red-carpet looks for hot new Netflix stars Katherine Langford (*13 Reasons Why*) and Sadie Sink (*Stranger Things*). Here, she dishes on her favorite summer looks, must-have accessories and more.*

What does a day in the life look like for you?

The first thing I do when I wake up is check emails in bed in case there's anything urgent, especially considering the time zone difference working with designers in Europe. Then I like to start the day with a high-intensity workout; sweating helps manage my stress and keeps me in a positive mood. Then coffee.

I spend a lot of my time communicating with fashion houses trying to get the best clothes and accessories for my clients. Just because I like a dress doesn't mean it's necessarily available. There is generally only one dress being shared between all the stylists and fashion magazines. A magazine might have it on a shoot in Paris the day before my fitting in Los Angeles. So coordinating how to share that one dress is very logistical and time-consuming.

How do you stay healthy while traveling and working crazy hours?

I am in Los Angeles a lot, so whenever I have a break between fittings and appointments, I try to get in a quick hike. I also find that Y7 yoga really helps calm me when I'm feeling overwhelmed. I work out hard so that I can eat what I want, like In-N-Out Burger or Shake Shack.

How has your style evolved since you attended the University of Minnesota a decade ago?

When I was at university, I dressed for comfort. Being stylish was the last thing on my mind while walking from the East Bank to the West Bank in sub-zero temps. Now I pretty much wear black yoga pants and Hanes cropped tees paired with black moon boots. So I guess not much has changed in terms of my personal style — still comfortable and a bit sporty. I have always been a very active person and dressed accordingly, so I'm very happy that athleisure wear has become so trendy in the past couple years.

What accessory should be in every woman's closet?

Every woman, regardless of age, needs a great pair of black booties. They are comfortable, and they last several seasons. They can be paired with black skinny jeans and a tee for a casual look or with a dress for an elevated look. I even sometimes wear my booties with my Adidas track pants to mix it up a bit.

What are the hottest fashion trends this summer?

Bright yellow, as seen on the runways of Marc Jacobs, Calvin Klein and Brandon Maxwell. Thick-soled sneakers (Balenciaga, Louis Vuitton). Polka dots (Dior Haute Couture, Valentino). And sportswear (Christian Dior, Marc Jacobs, Louis Vuitton). I could not be happier that sneakers are now very on-trend since I am a tomboy myself. I think this summer we will be seeing lots of cute sneakers paired with summery floral dresses. I like the juxtaposition of tomboy and girly. ♡

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