

# 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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