

Betty's Hottest Fashions in History



As an aspiring fashion designer, I get inspiration from many different women on what I consider "hot" in fashion. But for me, it's not just about current models' and actresses' new and interesting fashion choices – I instead look to famous and inspirational women throughout history to shape my own personal style.

Hey, just because she lived in ancient Egypt doesn't mean she didn't rock an awesome style! While the main style in ancient Egypt was simple attire made of linen or flax, the rich often adorned their outfits with luxurious jewels and headpieces. Cleopatra's style had resurgence with the 1963 film *Cleopatra* starring Elizabeth Taylor. Her changing wigs were true to ancient Egypt (of course, back then, the wigs were used to ward off head lice – yuck!) And Cleopatra's style is still in today!

SO VERONICA!



Cleopatra

Coco Chanel

"Coco" Chanel was a pioneer French fashion designer. She is the founder of the famous fashion brand Chanel. Her passionate interests and lifestyle inspired her fashions. Not only did her own slim boyish figure and cropped hair become a fashion statement, but her active lifestyle and financial independence became an ideal as well. Despite her passing in 1971, Chanel's name and style still live on to this day!

Audrey Hepburn was not only a legendary film actress, but also one of the most quintessential fashion icons of all time! This star's slim frame stood out amongst the curvy beauties like Marilyn Monroe that had dominated films in the 1950s. From the little black dress to the oversized sunglasses to the little black leggings, Hepburn's style was simple yet glamorous. Her classic nature is still highly prominent and influential today!

SO MIDGE!



Audrey Hepburn

SO ETHEL!

Princess Diana

Believe it or not, the late, beautiful Princess Diana of Wales was initially encouraged by staff of Vogue to pursue a particular look. However, as the 1980s progressed, she gained confidence in her own style and became even more elegant. Diana started to wear clothes by Versace and Chanel. By the 1990s she was not only the Princess of Wales, but a princess of fashion. Diana will be forever revered as a kind mother, a smart leader, and a giving person as well as a fashion icon.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



SO BETTY!

When you're in the public eye, it doesn't hurt to look good! The best dressed first lady was Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, wife of the 35th President, John F. Kennedy. Jackie chose classic elegance in her renowned A-line dresses and evening gowns from world famous American designer Oleg Cassini. Jackie also wore elegant dresses from such French designers as the aforementioned Coco Chanel. From her famous pillbox hats to her chic jewelry, shoes and sunglasses, this first lady's style is often duplicated by the most fashionable in Hollywood!



SO CHERYL!!

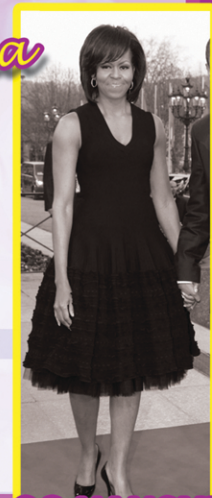
Michelle Obama

And of course, even contemporary women influence my style. Right now my most influential fashion icon is none other than First Lady Michelle Obama! Even before she became first lady, Michelle's particular sense of style caught the public's eye. What makes Michelle's style so admirable is that she enjoys experimenting with different looks to create her own unique fashion. She wears clothes by little-known designers and mid-priced chains such as J Crew.

Michelle Obama really proves that ladies can look lovely without having to break the bank!



Each of these women has earned her place in history and is known for being strong, influential and beautiful. I emulate their personal style choices because in the end, it's not just about the "look," it's the confidence that comes with it!



SO NANCY!