



## The Celebrity Look for Less

Learn how to recreate your look in an affordable way.

by Bree Shirvell

You love to flip through magazines and eye your favorite celebrity's look. You dream about rocking Vanessa Hudgens' garb, but there's no way you could afford it, right? Wrong! It's pretty simple to recreate stars' looks without spending hundreds of dollars.

To start, pick one or a couple of celebrities whose clothes you aspire to own. Then go through magazines searching for images of similarly chic garments and accessories. Look for items that define the celeb of choice's look. This could be a signature necklace, bag or a certain pair of jeans.

After you have a good feel for what makes your favorite celebrity's look, try to pick out an outfit—whether in a magazine or online—that both conveys the coveted style and makes you feel comfortable wearing shiny gold pants or maybe you aren't a hat person and would never wear that celeb's beret. Recreating a celebrity's look also has to be about you. If his or her typical outfit is something you would never wear, you'll inevitably feel self-conscious in it. Also, you won't have fun in the outfit.

Once you've done your research, hit the mall or shop online to bring the look to fruition. The Gap is a great place to start when looking for jeans. The prevalent store has so many different styles and washes, such as boot cut, dark, skinny, faded and boyfriend. For other basics, visit H&M where T-shirts abound. Then hit up Forever 21 to find a bomber jacket to wear over those Ts—like the one Rachel Bilson often wears around Los Angeles. For that added flair of personal style via accessories, shop Urban Outfitters. Urban offers patterned dresses, one-of-a-kind hats and vintage-inspired threads.

When sticking to this plan, you should be able to recreate almost any look for around a \$100. The trick is to incorporate layers, accessories and, most importantly, self-confidence.

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