

IN THE CLOSET WITH

Keeley Hawes

Vintage finds, masculine cuts and glittering diamonds play a starring role in the actress's wardrobe **Words: Tricia Welch**

Keeley, 32, is best known for her television roles including the hit drama *Spooks* and *Ashes to Ashes*. She is currently the face of Boots No7. Married to the actor (and fellow *Spooks* star) Matthew Macfadyen, Keeley lives in London with her son Myles, seven, from a previous relationship, daughter Maggie, four, and son Ralph, two.

How do you describe your style? 40s-inspired with masculine influences.

What colours, shapes and styles suit you best? I feel comfortable in quite mannish clothes – grandad-style coats, wide trousers and flat shoes. Conversely, I also like floral tea dresses worn with little cardigans. I wear hardly any black and prefer creams, neutrals and navy.

Who is your style icon? My grandmother was very stylish and I've become more appreciative of that the older I become. I'm increasingly dressing like her!

Do you have a beauty secret? Yes, No7's Revitalising Hand Cream – I absolutely love it because it makes hands look younger. In fact I use all their anti-ageing products.

What is your current favourite outfit? A Margaret Howell wrap dress. I bought the press sample and I've asked for it to be made in different colours because I like it so much. The idea of wearing a uniform, the same kind of outfit every day, really appeals to me.

Is there an "old favourite" that you turn to in a wardrobe crisis? My Margaret Howell uniform dress. **What is the oldest item in your wardrobe?** A 20s Chinese silk embroidered clutch bag that I found in Alfie's Antique Market in Marylebone 10 years ago. I use it all the time so it's rather tatty but I'm planning to carry it until it falls apart.

What is the one item of clothing you couldn't live without? My Margaret Howell cashmere pyjamas. After a night in my first pair I went straight back to the shop and bought the entire stock they had in my size.

Have you ever made a fashion faux pas? Yes, I bought a reversible jumper with a big Mini Mouse on one side and rows of little Mini Mouses on the other. Princess Diana had a similar one. It wasn't a good look!

What is your most successful party outfit? A 40s-style dress with a bit of kinky leather detailing on it.

How much of your wardrobe is black? Very little, apart from tights. **Do you have a favourite LBD?** My 40s-style dress.

Do you own anything vintage? Yes, especially from the 40s and 50s. It's not as expensive as you might think bearing in mind the exquisite material and workmanship.

What is your favourite designer and high-street shop? Margaret Howell and Alice Temperley for designer, and Jigsaw for high street. I also like Liberty's department store.



What is the most expensive item in your wardrobe? A beautifully embroidered Alice Temperley evening dress. It's so exquisite that I know I'll hand it down to my daughter when she's old enough to wear it.

What is your best fashion bargain? A lace vintage dress from the 30s.

What is your sexiest outfit? My husband would say my Margaret Howell dress, which is very nice of him because I like it so much.

What do you wear in bed? My precious cashmere pyjamas.

Is your underwear frilly or sporty, matching or mismatched? It's really boring. It tends to be all black, all white or all nude. I have posh stuff, too, but for special occasions.

Do you wear a bikini or a swimsuit? A bikini from Sweaty Betty. **How many handbags do you own?** About 20. My favourite for every day is an old Chloé Paddington.

Do you have more shoes than clothes? No. I like wearing brogues or leather boots for every day and I love my Jimmy Choos for evening.

Do you wear silver or gold jewellery? It used to be silver, but now it's gold

Do you wear diamonds? Matthew has bought me all the diamonds I own. He went to New York and bought me a diamond bracelet, then he went away again and bought me a matching necklace.

What is your fashion must-have for this season? My Margaret Howell man-size coat – it's a bit 'Allo, 'Allo but I love it.

Do you have a fashion address book secret? Alfie's Antique Market. **What article of clothing would you save from a burning house?** My pyjamas and man's Rolex watch, a present from Matthew that I really treasure. Ⓢ



Clockwise, from facing page: This evening dress by Alice Temperley is the most expensive item in Keeley's closet – "It's so exquisite I know I'll hand it down to my daughter when she's old enough to wear it"

Kelly would save her vintage Rolex, a treasured gift from her actor husband Matthew Macfadyen, from a burning house. Seen here with her favourite beauty products by Boots No7

"I feel comfortable in quite mannish clothes," she says. The brogues are from Trickers and the trilby is from Jigsaw

Keeley couldn't live without her cashmere pyjamas and bed jacket from Margaret Howell – "After a night in my first pair I went straight back to the shop and bought the entire stock they had in my size," she says

This beige and gold cashmere scarf and gold box bag was bought in Liberty – Keeley's favourite department store

Keeley's must-have for this season is a man-size coat by Margaret Howell – "It's a bit 'Allo, 'Allo but I love it," she says. Here it's teamed with a scarf from Brora

The black silk Chinese evening bag is the oldest item in her wardrobe – "I use it all the time so it's rather tatty but I'm planning to carry it until it falls apart". These gold bags are also favourites with heels by Jimmy Choo

Keeley wears her 40s dress with gold detail, which is her favourite LBD and most successful party outfit

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