

In the closet with Kimberly Wyatt

The former Pussycat Doll is wild about feline prints and floaty, feminine frocks

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Kimberly, 29, found fame in the Pussycat Dolls but is now pursuing a solo music and dance career. She was also a judge on Sky's programme *Got To Dance*. She is single and lives in Los Angeles and London.

How would you describe your style? Girlie and feminine with a wild side.

What colours, shapes and styles suit you best? I like short dresses and skirts because they emphasise my long legs. I also team floaty fabrics with a leather jacket – for me it's all about contrast. I love black and deep colours but this season I'm experimenting more with soft pinks, lavenders and yellows.

Who is your style icon? Top of the list is Edie Sedgwick – I loved her underground look from the Andy Warhol/Studio 54 days, but from a more contemporary perspective, Kate Moss in her "grunge" period and Agyness Deyn when she started out.

Which celebrity's wardrobe would you most like to own? Sienna Miller.
How do you dress on "fat" days? Sweats and a biker jacket for a bit of an edge and I'm good to go.

How long does it take you to get ready in the morning? If I want to look really nice I'll put a good hour and an half into the prep, but I can get ready in 30 minutes.

Do you have a stylist? Carl and I have been together ever since I started work on *Got To Dance*.

What is your current favourite

outfit? A fake fur waistcoat which I throw over everything – it goes with shorts, leggings, jeans or a dress.

Is there an "old favourite" you turn to in a wardrobe crisis? Black leggings, black T-shirt and a jacket.

What is the oldest item in your wardrobe? A pair of Christian Louboutin thigh high boots.

What is the one item of clothing you can't live without? My black pork pie hat from Urban Outfitters. I have a back-up in grey and I never travel without them

Do you clear out your wardrobe each season? I do, but I keep the pieces I really love. Things I haven't worn for a while I donate to a celebrity E-Bay programme – I give 70 per cent of the profits to charity.

What is the most crushing remark anyone has made about your clothes? I was told my fashion would ruin my career, but I didn't take any notice. I think I've proved them wrong.

What is your most successful party outfit? A pink Lipsy dress with a biker jacket from Immortal Couture – I got papped in it a year ago and it totally sums up my style.

Do you own more day wear than evening wear? I don't make the



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Clockwise, from facing page: Kimberly loves feminine, floaty dresses. This pale-pink chiffon frock is by Lipsy, as are her thigh-high faux suede boots and statement watches.

Kimberly is currently the face of the fashion label's timepiece collection

This fake-fur leopard-print coat is another Lipsy purchase, while the black leather jacket is by Immortal Couture. Kimberly likes



distinction – I adapt my party dresses for day by changing the accessories.

How much of your wardrobe is black? At least 30 per cent.

Do you have a favourite LBD? I was doing a show with the Pussycat Dolls and met Jade Jagger, who gave me a dress she designed herself. I love it.

What are your favourite designer and high-street shops? Vivienne Westwood – ever since Carrie walked out in that beautiful wedding dress in *Sex And The City* I've been in awe. I've got my own version. On the high street, it's Lipsy every time.

What is the most expensive item in your wardrobe? A Louis Vuitton winter coat. I'll be wearing it forever.

What do you wear in bed? Little nighties. I like to look like a woman. **Is your underwear frilly or sporty, matching or mismatched?** I wear nude, seam-free bras and G-strings from Leg Avenue in LA because they're comfy and invisible under clothes.

Do you wear a bikini or swimsuit? A bikini. I like to feel the sun on me. **How many handbags do you own?** About 15.

What make of sunglasses do you wear? I'm addicted to Ray-Bans. **What article of clothing would you save from a burning house?** It's got to be my Louis Vuitton coat.



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This diamanté skull cap is a bespoke design by Cyndia Harvey. The other silver pieces that are pictured are by Stephen Webster and Daisy Stacker. "I like to mix up my jewellery," she says

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Kimberly's black jumpsuit is by Kurru Kurru. "I have a wild side, but I'm girly and feminine too," she says

The singer is a fan of fun, funky accessories such as this pork pie hat. "I have a back-up in grey and I never travel without them," she says. Also pictured is her fashion must-have for the season – a Lipsy watch

"I've got rid of the crazy heels I used to wear because I don't want shoes that hurt," says Kimberly, who keeps her skyscraper heels for evening wear. These classic court shoes are by Carvela and Kurt Geiger

Kimberly is a self-confessed Ray-Ban addict and these sunglasses are a wardrobe staple for the star. The studded black leather bag is by Calleen

