

In the closet with

# Sophie Rundle

With fabulous vintage finds, the *Bletchley Circle* star knows how to crack the dress code

Sophie, 25, stars as codebreaker Lucy in *The Bletchley Circle* on ITV. She has also had leading roles in *Episodes*, *Peaky Blinders*, *Merlin* and next month appears in an episode of *Call the Midwife*. She is single and lives in London.

**How would you describe your style?** Minimalist. I spend my life dressing up for work so I like to keep it simple in real life.

**Which colours and shapes suit you best?** I love neutrals with a pop of colour, 50s-style dresses with cinched-in waists and mannish Katharine Hepburn-type tailoring. But for everyday, it's skinny jeans and a big jumper.

**What is your favourite fashion era?** For day wear, the 40s and 50s but for evening, the 20s. The dresses are so perfect for dancing.

**You're no stranger to a corset – take us through the period costumes you've worn so far?** It's true – my roles have spanned several centuries. I played a lady's maid in *Titanic* when I was still at drama school, then I wore more corsets for *Garrow's Law* and *Great Expectations* and went back to medieval times for *Merlin*. Then I fast forwarded to the 20s for *Peaky Blinders* and the 50s for *The Bletchley Circle*.

**Describe your character Lucy's wardrobe?** In the first series she was bullied by a domineering husband and it was all soft pastels and delicate shapes. But in the new series, she's left him and we see

a much stronger person. She's still wearing the girly pinks and yellows but she's moved on to sharper 50s tailoring.

**What is your favourite costume so far?**

I was given a beautiful silk mourning dress and hat for my part in *Garrow's Law*. Helena Bonham Carter wore it in one of her early films so that felt pretty amazing.

**What are your favourite high-street shops?** Topshop, Cos and Urban Outfitters.

**Who is your favourite designer?** I get *Vogue* every month to look at the fabulous clothes and get ideas but there are so many designers, I couldn't choose just one.

**Do you clear out your wardrobe each season?** No, I can't let go. I always think,

"I might wear it again" – and I just might.

**Are you a fan of vintage?** A big fan. When I was over in LA filming *Episodes* I bought a lot of clothes on Melrose Avenue. It's vintage heaven. But London's charity shops are fantastic, too.

**How many shoes and handbags do you own?** I share a house

with two other girls and our shoes and bags are everywhere. I'm too embarrassed to count how many I've got – but it's too many.

**How much do you spend on clothes each month?**

I dread to think. I can't say a figure or my mum would kill me, but it is probably

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Sophie wears a pretty floral frock she bought in Melrose Avenue, LA. Her black heels are from Office