

In the closet with Stacey Solomon

The queen of the jungle is wild about floaty boho frocks and snakeskin heels

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Singer Stacey, 21, was a finalist on *The X Factor* before winning *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!* last year. She now co-hosts *Sing if You Can* on ITV1. She lives in Essex with her son Zachary, three.

How do you describe your style?

Boho meets classic. I love floaty, feminine styles in gorgeous fabrics.

What colours, shapes and styles suit you best? I love wearing shorts, mini dresses and skirts with high heels. I also like neutrals, coral and bright blue. Floaty styles which flow over my top half suit me best.

Who is your style icon? Lily Allen.

Which celebrity's wardrobe would you most like to own? Dannii Minogue's and Lily's Chanel clothes.

Do you have a beauty secret? When I was in the jungle without make-up, moisturiser was what I missed.

How do you dress on "fat" days? A baggy but pretty cardigan over a shirt with shorts or leggings.

Is there anything about your body that you dislike? My hips.

How long does it take you to get ready in the morning? I only need a few minutes.

Do you have a stylist? I do for my new show *Sing if You Can*. I had an allowance of £500 a show for clothes.

What is your current favourite outfit? A Moschino cream jacket teamed with a black mini skirt – one of my new outfits for the show.

Is there an "old favourite" that you turn to in a wardrobe crisis? An Alice Temperley dress I was given to wear for one of the *X Factor* shows.

What is the oldest item in your wardrobe? An Eeyore dressing gown from when I was a kid.

What is the one item of clothing you couldn't live without? Pulling-in pants from M&S.

What is your most successful party outfit? High-waisted Topshop black shorts teamed with a vest.

Do you own more day wear than evening wear? More day wear.

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

Do you have a favourite LBD?

The nearest thing I have is a black, sequined jump suit by Stella McCartney, which is fab.

Have you ever had anything made to measure? A black smoking jacket I wore on *The X Factor* when I did a Michael Jackson number.

Do you own anything vintage? All the stuff from my mother Fiona.

What is your favourite designer and high-street shop? Moschino, Stella McCartney, Chloé and Miu Miu for designer, and Topshop, River Island, Miss Selfridge and La Senza for the high street.

What is the most expensive item in your wardrobe? A pair of amazing Louboutin snakeskin, peep-toe heels, which cost around £1,000.

What is your best fashion bargain? A yellow Biba dress I bought for £50 from a second-hand shop.

How many handbags do you own? Around 100. They're mostly from the high street but my favourite everyday bag is a large gold holdall by DKNY.

Do you have more shoes than clothes? No, but I do love shoes. I wear high heels when I'm working and flatties the rest of the time.

Do you wear silver or gold jewellery? I wear very little jewellery.

What is your fashion must-have for this season? A coral outfit.

Do you have a fashion address book secret? I buy jumpers, cardigans and floaty dresses from www.neverfullydressed.com.

What article of clothing would you save from a burning house? The dress I wore for the *X Factor* final. 📌

Stacey: *My Story So Far* is published by Michael Joseph, £16.99. See *Express Bookshop*, page 82.



Facing page: Stacey models her signature style – a floaty, boho dress in beige and blue from Warehouse

This page, clockwise from top left: Stacey has plenty of pairs of patterned tights to brighten up her daytime wardrobe

This Barbie T-shirt and pair of Superdry micro shorts is the singer's favourite lounging-around-the-house outfit

Stacey wears a white mini dress with a hint of sparkle from Never Fully Dressed. Paired with heels, it's the perfect party piece

This roomy golden holdall by DKNY is her favourite everyday

bag. "It's a real Mary Poppins style," says Stacey, who bought the bag from Choice, Lakeside. The brown sunglasses are by D&G and the mushroom-coloured, suede peep-toe heels are from Faith

On "fat" days, Stacey wears "baggy but pretty" cardigans over shorts or leggings. The leaf necklace is from Accessorize, while the cosy knits are from online boutique Never Fully Dressed. The flip-flops, by Converse, are favourites for relaxing at home

"I love shoes," says Stacey. "I wear very high heels when I'm working and flatties the rest of the time." Among her favourites

are these gold peep-toe Vivienne Westwood Melissa heels with an eye-catching heart motif, some chestnut-brown ankle boots from Zara and orange strappy platforms from Faith

Two of Stacey's flattering dresses in floaty chiffon, bought from her fashion address book secret Never Fully Dressed. The singer describes her look as "boho meets classic". "I love feminine styles in gorgeous fabrics," she says

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