

# Wardrobe mistress

## HOW TO WEAR THE KEY LOOKS NOW

The fashion consultant *Kate Foley* has three ways to wear this season's statement dresses

"I like to keep things simple. I'm the kind of person who probably wouldn't carry a handbag if I didn't have to. I don't wear a lot of trousers. My uniform is mainly dresses or print skirts with a top. I'm attracted to longer dresses with a shape and pattern, because they speak for themselves and don't need to be heavily accessorised. I always go for ones that hit mid-calf or just above the ankle – that's a really elegant length. Putting on a dress is so much easier than getting a complete look together – jeans, a top, a jacket. You throw one thing on, add a pair of shoes and you're done."

@katefoley

### FULL MIDIDRESS

"I always think about balance in my outfits. This dress has a really full skirt, so if you're short, like me – I'm 5ft 4in – wear it with a high heel. If I wore sneakers or flat shoes, it wouldn't balance out. The material of this dress is light, so it's supercomfortable, but it still holds such a beautiful shape. Keeping everything simple is key, so the dress stays the main focus. I've always been a big fan of the brand Shrimps, I love that quirky, girly aesthetic."

Green gingham wrap dress, £450, SHRIMPS. Suede courts, £68, OFFICE. Gold hoop earrings, £130; THEODORAWARRE.EU. Individual broken hoop earring, £125, MARIA-BLACK.UK. Necklace and rings, Kate's own

### STYLE TIP

Keep other ELEMENTS simple so the focus stays on the DRESS



### PRETTY WITH TRAINERS

"This is something that I wear all the time. Vans are a huge part of my wardrobe, and I love mixing feminine pieces with something sporty but simple. It adds that comfort factor, too. This broderie anglaise dress with angel sleeves isn't the easiest thing to wear – if you paired it with heels, it could feel too floaty – but adding sneakers makes it comfortable and cool, just like throwing on jeans and a tee."

Broderie anglaise dress, £217, DOEN. High-tops, £60, VANS. Gold hoop earrings, £130; THEODORAWARRE.EU

### STYLE TIP

Mix FEMININE pieces with something sporty for a pretty yet EASY look

### CORSET OVER DRESS

"This is the perfect day dress. I love the idea of a classic floral tea dress with this black corset top layered over it to add an edge. It's definitely a brave look, but you could play with different colours: a white corset would give a subtler effect. I'd wear this to a lunch or cocktails in the evening – it's the perfect balance between pretty and dressed up."

Ruffled dress, £255, TOPSHOP UNIQUE. Black crop top, £16, STRADIVARIUS. Velvet knot sandals, £68, OFFICE. Gold earrings, Kate's own

### STYLE TIP

A layered corset top gives a CLASSIC dress an edge

