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NAME: Holly Williams

OCCUPATION: Singer/Songwriter

What's the one new look you're looking forward to wearing this fall?

Wide leg trousers, definitely. I still love skinny jeans and can hopefully still get away with them for a few years, but the wide leg is such an amazing, comfortable fit—and they flatter everyone.

Describe your style for a typical casual night or day out with friends or family ... I never shop for outfits that match. I buy pieces I adore and put them together—all different colors and fabrics. It's hard to describe my style because sometimes I'm feeling Zac Posen and sometimes I'm feeling a Hanes T-shirt with a great necklace.

Who are your favorite designers? Alexander McQueen, Loeffler Randall, Paul and Joe, Vera Wang, Stella McCartney, Vivienne Westwood, Hanii Y, Marni, Daryl K., Lanvin and Hanes, for too many reasons to name.

What's the one indulgent fashion item you believe is definitely worth the investment? One amazing bag. It'll not only last you a lifetime, but the more distressed it gets the cooler it looks. If it's \$1,200, that's \$25 a week. I know it's crazy but I do the math all the time while shopping.

What publications or individuals do you look to when making decisions about your wardrobe purchases? I don't tend to look to particular seasonal trends or people for inspiration. I either love it or not, so it's pretty easy for me to make decisions. When I'm on tour I have the benefit of shopping overseas and at all the Barney's New York locations in the U.S., which is my favorite store in the world.

What's the biggest fashion faux pas you're seeing these days? Every 13-year-old girl carrying a Louis Vuitton bag or wearing Chanel shades because someone in *Us Weekly* wore them. It seems people are starting to lose their personal style at a very young age these days.

What past era most intrigues you when choosing your ensembles? The '30s and '40s produced some of the most beautiful fabrics and dresses I've ever seen. They're more feminine and graceful than anything most of us are wearing today, including me.

What signature accessories do you pair with any outfit? My boyfriend Chris Janson and I have been making necklaces out of deer antlers, so I usually have one of our hooks on, and I have a gold-and-diamond guitar ring my dad gave me that his mom gave him in the '60s. I wear it all the time.

What would you never wear, no matter how popular or expensive? Duster jackets. I know we're in Nashville, but let's be honest here.

Name your top local places to shop for the most fashionable clothing, shoes, accessories, and cosmetics ... Well, right now my store—H. Audrey, opening in Hill Center in October—is my favorite because I'm carrying the designers I missed having in Nashville that I love. The Perfect Pair is amazing for shoes. I love Habit for their dresses. Woo is my favorite cosmetics store, because I'm an obsessive Armani addict. His makeup is silky like his clothing.

Who's your fashion icon? Keith Richards, the king of rock 'n' roll fashion. He never looks like he's trying too hard, probably because he's not. I love Mick's striped pants from the '70s, too. On the other hand, Jackie O. always looked splendid.

Who in your life do you trust the most to give you solid advice when choosing what to wear for an important meeting, appearance or event? This sounds dumb, but I think myself. I love to try new things and many people are opposed to that, thinking they're breaking some kind of fashion rule.

Holly wears a Mike & Chris jacket with a Mason dress from Habit and Frye boots.



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her picks:

Sunglasses with a great retro 70s shape. **Paul Smith** sunglasses, style 378 from **Charactereyes** in Franklin (\$390).

Gusto black clutch with gold trim. **H. Audrey** will carry this line.

