

Nicole's funky look

Bad Girls star Nicole Faraday loves shopping for clothes, but regrets the time she bought a designer coat that made her look like Ali G



Nicole as her on-screen character Snowball in ITV's *Bad Girls*

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How would you describe your style?

I'm a big fan of the 70s and my style's quite flamboyant. I like clothes that no one else has and I'm very individual. I love bright colours and unusual fabrics. My friends say I'm like a magpie as I can't get enough of things that glitter and sparkle.

What are your favourite shopping haunts?

I live in Greenwich and love shopping there. My favourite shop Joy sells clothes imported from France and Italy and they'll often only have two or three of each style. They're not too expensive either, which is good as I'm not into forking out designer prices.

Dress. £190, 8-1, Red Hot.
Jeans. £35, 8-16, Topshop.
Earrings. £8, Freedom

Do you shop on the high street?

I love high street shops and always go to Topshop for their Moto jeans as they have so many different takes on the classic bootcut style. I must have about 10 pairs by now and, although I've tried on designer jeans in the past, they don't look nearly as good as my Moto ones.

How often do you go shopping?

As often as possible! I prefer to shop alone rather than with friends as I usually end up annoying them. I keep them waiting for hours trying on various tops and I'm really fussy. I sometimes try on two of everything to see if there's any difference and my friends shout at me: 'Nicky, they're all the same!'

Does your boyfriend like going shopping with you?

After about half an hour or so he usually ends up standing at the shop door having a cigarette, but it's nice that he makes the effort. He has very good taste and knows my style.

What's the sexiest thing in your wardrobe?

I have a denim catsuit from Joy that's pretty

sexy. And I love my 70s print mini-dress I bought from Topshop's vintage section - I wear it with my black knee-high boots.

What's been your worst fashion mistake?

I went shopping in London once and found myself in a boutique that sold up-and-coming

Dress, £110, 8-16, C
Shoes, £70, 3-8, Dur
Necklace, from £10,
Freedom at Topshop



Top, £110, 8-1, Red Hot
Bra, £41, 32-38B,
Figleaves. **Trousers**,
£35, 8-16, House of
Fraser. **Earrings**, £3.50
bracelets, £5 each, all
Freedom at Topshop

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Top, £150, s-l, Ananya.
Jeans, £26, 8-16, Topshop.
Necklace, Nicole's own



designer clothes. I tried on a long, fake fur coat that the shop assistant told me looked gorgeous. After an hour had gone by, I was finally persuaded to buy it and it wasn't until I got home that I realised how awful it was. It cost £250! It was about 10 sizes too big and so long that it dragged on the floor - my boyfriend said I looked like Ali G. I've never worn it for fear of being mistaken for some kind of gangsta rapper!

What's your most cherished clothing item?

I went shopping in Bournemouth with my mum on my 15th birthday and spotted a gorgeous ruffled dress with giant roses on it. It was the ultimate dress but, at £80, my mum wasn't keen. I spent half an hour in the shop trying to persuade her to let me have it until she finally gave in. It was the best buy ever as I still get complimented on it when I wear it nowadays.

Who are your style icons?

It would have to be someone like Marilyn Monroe or Audrey Hepburn as their styles are so timeless. I love original Hollywood glamour and most of my style icons come from that era. ■