



# 50 *Best Dressed*

TA-DA! WHETHER THEY'RE IN BOUNDARY-PUSHING GOWNS OR BOLD STREETWEAR,  
THIS YEAR'S STYLE STARS CERTAINLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE  
BY **JENNIFER FERRISE**

CATE  
BLANCHETT  
in Fendi Couture



**CATE BLANCHETT**

Her go-to look may be “a well-pressed suit,” but even when she opts for something wildly glamorous, Blanchett keeps it real—fashion critics be damned. “True chic is effortless, and it’s got to come from you,” she says. “It’s not about what gets likes and views.”



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KATE BOSWORTH in Chloé



**Zoë Kravitz**

in a Tiffany & Co. Elsa Peretti bra and Saint Laurent by Anthony Vaccarello skirt

“At first I was like, ‘There’s no way in hell I’m wearing that.’ Then I sent my mom [Lisa Bonet] a picture of it as kind of a joke. And she said, ‘Honestly, you can only wear that for a few more years, so if you’re going to do it, you should do it now.’”

—ZOË KRAVITZ on her Vanity Fair Oscar party look

**5 Issa Rae**

“I’m not the biggest fan of red carpets, so when I do go, I like to have fun,” says Rae, who has been turning heads with her punchy color combos. “Bold colors match my personality, and, quite frankly, they look best on my skin tone.”



HER FAVE

Sies Marjan top and pants

Tibi

Peter Pilotto



Gucci and Oscar de la Renta



Carolina Herrera and Mary Katrantzou



Chanel and Ashish

**4 Nico Parker & Thandie Newton**

Not only did Thandie Newton pass along her passion for acting to her 14-year-old mini-me (and breakout star of *Dumbo*), Nico Parker, she also showed her the red-carpet ropes this year. Turns out, artful draping, playful patterns, and feminine flourishes are winning at any age.



Valentino

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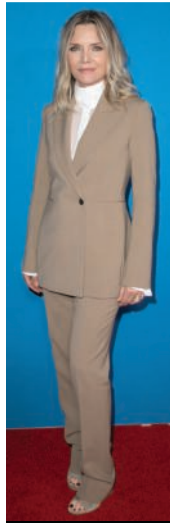
**JULIANNE MOORE**

Ever wonder how Moore always looks camera-ready? She checks her angles long before she leaves the house. “The best thing that’s happened to me regarding fashion is the iPhone,” she jokes. No doubt these gleaming Valentino creations earned their spot on her camera roll.

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**7** LUPITA NYONG'O in Honayda



**8** MICHELLE PFEIFFER in The Row



**9** SAOIRSE RONAN in Gucci



Kimhëkim

Rodarte

**10 Elle Fanning**

in Vivienne Westwood Couture

It’s safe to say Fanning has a thing for pink. But no matter what color she’s wearing, the 21-year-old star shines brightest in looks that play up her love of fashion fantasy—bows, beading, and ball gowns, oh my!



Sally LaPointe



Alexander McQueen jacket



Marc Jacobs



Rodarte



12 NAOMI WATTS in Nina Ricci



13 JENNIFER ANISTON in Celine by Hedi Slimane



14 ADWOA ABOAH in Diane von Furstenberg

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Celine by Hedi Slimane



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## BRIE LARSON

"Captain Marvel is a force who owns her power, so we wanted Brie's red-carpet looks to reflect that," says stylist Samantha McMillen. This year Larson gravitated toward sleek lines, sequins, and accessories that pack a punch, like her custom-made "Captain" clutch by Edie Parker.



Rodarte



Captain



## 16 Lucy Boynton

During her awards-season sweep for *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Boynton leveled up her style game. "I loved this Gucci look [left] because it was the peak of my experimentation," she says. "You would've never caught me in that a year ago."

HER FAVE

Chanel

## 17 Céline Dion

No one does cheeky street style quite like Dion. This summer she turned the City of Light into her personal runway, giving everything from a Vetements "I Love Paris Hilton" T-shirt to Chanel spandex a moment in the sun.



Vetements jacket and shirt

Chanel

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TESSA THOMPSON in Rodarte

"My best piece of style advice? Dress for how you want to feel, not for how you want to look."

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## TRACEE ELLIS ROSS

If you follow Ross on Instagram, you already know the *Black-ish* star likes to keep things playful (can you say bathtub chic?). Thankfully, she brings that same joie de vivre to the red carpet. "The secret is to embrace your own style and try not to follow trends," she says. "I feel an immense sense of freedom when I express myself through fashion."



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**NICOLE KIDMAN**

The best part about Kidman's style? You can never quite predict what she'll step out in next. Whether she chooses an architectural sheath or a sequined turtleneck gown, the red-carpet pro still manages to surprise us year after year.



20  
CHLOË SEVIGNY  
in Miu Miu



21  
MEGAN RAPINOE  
in Coach 1941 shorts

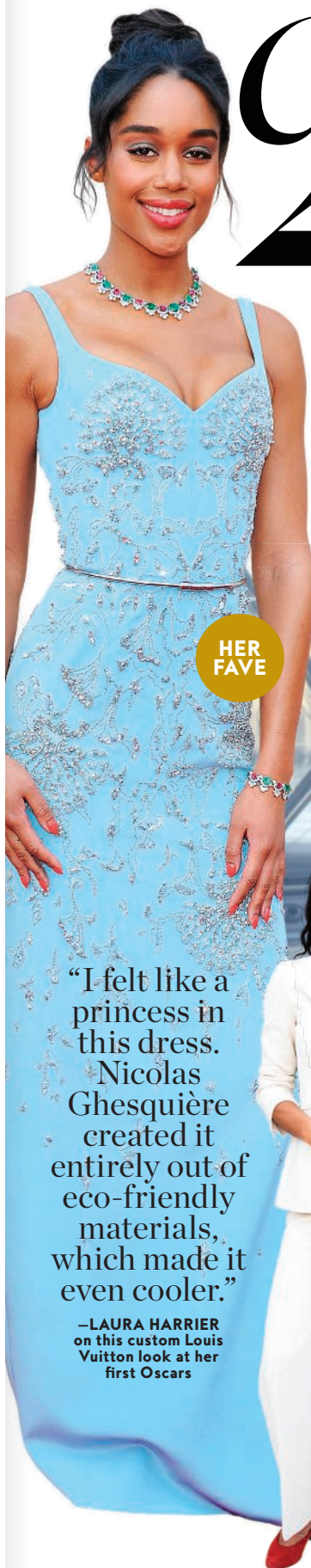


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RUTH NEGGA  
in Louis Vuitton

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**LAURA HARRIER**

"I got to play dress-up all year!" says Harrier, who calls her first awards season [for *BlackKkKlansman*] a total whirlwind. "I'm a 'T-shirt and jeans' girl most of the time, so it was definitely a step outside my normal life."



HER FAVE

"I felt like a princess in this dress. Nicolas Ghesquière created it entirely out of eco-friendly materials, which made it even cooler."

—LAURA HARRIER on this custom Louis Vuitton look at her first Oscars



Alexa Chung

Louis Vuitton



Monse

Prabal Gurung

Peter Pilotto

HER FAVE

“My style is completely driven by joy.”

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**YARA SHAHIDI**

“I’ve had so much sartorial fun this year,” says Shahidi, who lists the Monse look she wore to the CFDA Awards among her most memorable. To find her groove, Shahidi keeps a “growing album of inspirational images” that ranges from street murals to protests to iconic shots of Naomi Campbell. “My stylist Jason [Bolden] and I use every moment to explore a new aspect of my fashion sensibilities.”



**25**  
JANELLE MONÁE  
in Marc Jacobs



**26**  
GEMMA CHAN  
in Miu Miu



**27**  
DANAÏ GURIRA  
in Thom Browne

## 28 Elizabeth Debicki

Pulling off a suit is a cinch when you’re as statuesque as Debicki. With her relaxed way of styling (she wears it with a silk blouse or, you know, nothing at all), she’d top our list even if she simply stuck to separates. But when she does go off script—like in this maximalist floral Armani Privé number—it’s pure fashion magic.



Armani Privé

Max Mara

Giorgio Armani

## 29 KIKI LAYNE

Though Layne is relatively new on the scene, she has quickly made her mark. “This year has been filled with so many fashion firsts, including my first Met Gala and the first time I had a gown custom-made for me [at the Golden Globes, below],” says Layne. “I’m excited to keep surprising people.”



Dior

Valentino

HER FAVE

“To see this gown go from a sketch to the real thing—that was special to me.”

—KIKI LAYNE on her Dior Haute Couture Golden Globes look



Ralph Lauren Collection coat and Brock Collection dress

**SARAH PAULSON**  
“Sarah’s style is the perfect mix of femininity, strength, and full-on fashion,” says Paulson’s stylist Karla Welch.



Brandon Maxwell

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**LADY GAGA**  
in Brandon Maxwell

Whether she’s channeling Old Hollywood with an Oscar in hand or going full-fashion transformer with four Met Gala looks, one thing remains constant: her go-to designer and longtime pal Brandon Maxwell. “The world sees the moments on a carpet, the moments on stage,” said Maxwell on Instagram. “But I’ve been fortunate enough to see the moments behind the curtain that truly define what makes a star, a star.”

## 32 Kerry Washington

"Kerry likes to balance femininity with edge," says Washington's stylist Joseph Cassell, citing the star's Tory Burch Met Gala gown as one of her most avant-garde looks. "She isn't afraid to take a risk."



Schiaparelli  
Haute  
Couture

Elie  
Saab

Tory Burch

Marc  
Jacobs

## ROWAN BLANCHARD

When Blanchard isn't killing it on the step and repeat, she's the queen of the high-fashion selfie, thrilling her 5.1 million followers with every creative #LOTD. As for the feedback? "I really like how I dress," she says, "So if somebody says something [rude], I don't care."



Coach  
1941



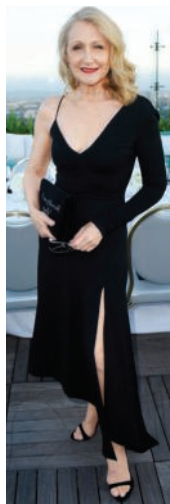
Marc  
Jacobs

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Jacobs

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34  
SIENNA  
MILLER  
in Louis Vuitton



35  
PATRICIA  
CLARKSON  
in Michael Kors  
Collection



36  
HUNTER  
SCHAFFER  
in Thom Browne



## 37 Margot Robbie

in Chanel Haute Couture

Throughout her entire *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* press tour, Robbie's ethereal gowns and smoldering beauty looks stole the show. Movie-star glam at its finest.



"This is what a CEO looks like now. I'm not always in a suit, but I always want to look cool and be comfortable."

LENA WAITHE  
in Pyer Moss

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## ALLISON JANNEY

Dramatic silhouettes, sophisticated color palettes, and a whole lot of bling—over the years Janney has found a red-carpet strategy that only gets better with time. “I call it classic with a flair for the theatrical,” she says.



Pamella Roland

Alberta Ferretti



GWENDOLINE CHRISTIE  
in Iris van Herpen

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## MICHELLE DOCKERY

in Galvan

At the London premiere of the long-awaited *Downton Abbey* movie, Dockery delivered one sexy return to the red carpet in this gilded Galvan creation. Cartier hoops, and a slicked-back do. Lady Mary would certainly be proud.



42  
YALITZA APARICIO  
in *The Vampire's Wife*



43  
RIHANNA  
in Alexandre Vauthier  
Couture



44  
GWYNETH PALTROW  
in G. Label  
by Goop

# 45

## ZENDAYA

Besides earning her street-style cred and a prime spot in the New York Fashion Week lineup (her second collection with Tommy Hilfiger launched this fall), Zendaya's statement-making looks have helped her overcome personal obstacles as well. "I allow fashion to be an outlet and a way to experience different sides of who I am," she says. "It's given me a lot of confidence."

Tommy x  
Zendaya



Giorgio  
Armani



Carolina  
Herrera

David  
Koma



46  
SOPHIE  
TURNER  
in Louis Vuitton



47  
MICHELLE  
YEOH  
in an Elie Saab  
dress



48  
MILLIE BOBBY  
BROWN  
in a Maje jacket

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HER  
FAVE

TARAJI P.  
HENSON  
in Balmain



"My favorite fashion moment this year was at the BET Awards—I changed three times and then instantly fell in love with my spiked Balmain dress."

HER  
FAVE

## 50 Judith Light

in Christian  
Siriano

"When I get dressed, I think, 'Who do I want to be in this moment?'" Light says. "The answer is usually someone bold and elegant."





# And the AWARD GOES TO...

THE 2019 *INSTYLE* AWARDS WILL CELEBRATE FASHION'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST ON OCTOBER 21 IN LOS ANGELES.



**ICON**  
**Julia Louis-Dreyfus**

It's hard to remember a time when Louis-Dreyfus wasn't the funniest woman on TV. Equally compelling? Her sense of style, which is as bold and classic as her comedy.

Carolina Herrera



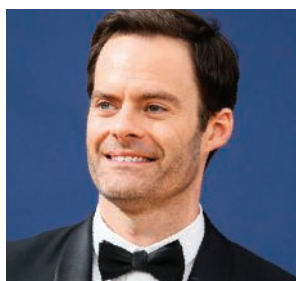
**DESIGNER**  
**RODARTE'S KATE & LAURA MULLEAVY**

The sister duo have transformed their much adored indie label into a formidable force with A-listers like Kirsten Dunst and Natalie Portman falling for their romantic creations.



**HAIRSTYLIST**  
**ADIR ABERGEL**

With Jennifer Garner, Anne Hathaway, and Kristen Stewart all singing his praises, this self-taught pro has become one of Hollywood's most beloved secret weapons.



**MAN OF STYLE**  
**BILL HADER**

Hader has had quite the year. Not only did his hit show, *Barry*, rack up 17 Emmy nods, but he also had a scene-stealing turn in *It: Chapter Two*. Oh, and he makes a dapper turn on the red carpet as well.



**STYLE STAR**  
**KIKI LAYNE**

Since her breakout role in *If Beale Street Could Talk*, Layne has established herself as one to watch, both onscreen and off. "I'm glad that people took notice so quickly," she says. "But I'm only getting started."



**ADVOCATE**  
**CHRISTY TURLINGTON BURNS**

Through her nonprofit, Every Mother Counts, the supermodel is making sure moms across the globe get the maternity care they deserve. "We're just trying to improve the quality of life for as many people as possible," she says.



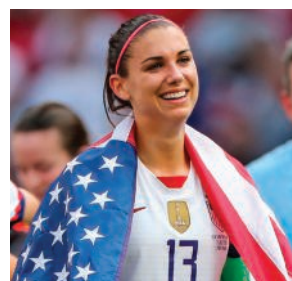
**MAKEUP ARTIST**  
**DANIEL MARTIN**

When it comes to enhancing the natural beauty of VIPs like Jessica Alba, Jessica Biel, and the Duchess of Sussex (on her wedding day!), this makeup guru is everybody's trusted right-hand man.



**FASHION STYLIST**  
**LAW ROACH**

Roach, who works with Zendaya (above), clearly found the right profession for himself. "Sometimes a dress gives me goose bumps because I can instantly see how it's going to look on the red carpet," he says.



**BADASS WOMEN**  
**THE U.S. WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM**

In their fight for equal pay, the World Cup champs, led by co-captains Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan (above), and Megan Rapinoe, are changing the game for women in sports. "We're a part of something bigger now," Morgan says.