

FEARLESS FALL

For model BIRGIT KOS, pulling off the season's most fanciful looks is a walk in the park

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Iberta Ferretti top ind pants. Christian Louboutin heels.









 $here \verb|'s a reason why Birgit Kos looks oh so comfortable prancing around New York$ City's Central Park in ready-to-wear and heels. The 24-year-old Dutch model, who is based in Switzerland, is much more in her element in the great outdoors than on stuffy runways. "I like to be outside as much as possible," says Kos. "And whenever I get a break from work, I go straight home to the countryside to hike, camp, walk $my\,dog\,Akira, and\,just\,breathe."\,Lately, those\,little\,moments\,of\,zen\,are\,few\,and\,far$ between. Since Kos was discovered at 15 while shopping with her parents in Amsterdam, her career has taken off both on the runway (Chanel, Max Mara, Moschino) and in buzzy $campaigns \, (Giorgio\, Armani, Tom\, Ford\, Beauty).\, ``At\, first\, I\, was\, really\, relaxed\, about\, it\, and\, thought,$ 'OK, I'll try the modeling thing for a bit.' Then when I started getting contracts, I was like, 'Holy shit! I $can \, actually \, do \, this, ``" she \, says. \, Kos's \, biggest \, pinch-me \, moment \, so \, far? \, Starring \, along side \, actor \, Jamie \, actually \, do \, this, ``" she \, says. \, Kos's \, biggest \, pinch-me \, moment \, so \, far? \, Starring \, along side \, actor \, Jamie \, actually \, do \, this, ``" she \, says. \, Kos's \, biggest \, pinch-me \, moment \, so \, far? \, Starring \, along \, side \, actor \, Jamie \, actually \, do \, this, \, actually \, do$ Dornan last year in the steamy campaign for Boss the Scent. "I called my mom and said, 'Do you know who I'm doing a commercial with? What if it's like Fifty Shades of Grey?" She laughs. "But Jamie is so cool, it wasn't that way at all. "The experience motivated her to think big about her next career move."I'd like to focus more on acting because it doesn't have an age limit," she says. But for now Kos is thankful for her day job. ``Modeling has inspired me to dress up more in my daily life," she says. ``The limit of the properties of theonly thing is you can't really go hiking in Tom Ford." - JENNIFER FERRISE

