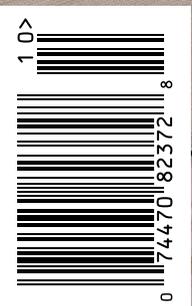


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# Interior Designer Dress Up

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'I can change the outfit completely just by the accessory.'



'Shoes are Wendy's splurge shop.'

'Wendy Lepkoff of Wendy Interiors, Inc., in a royal blue flowy vest with black leggings for a sporty look and black high heels for glamor.'



I have always wondered whether fashion sense goes hand in hand with the art of interior design. So many famous fashion designers and icons are known for a signature hair cut or dress and so what are the interior designers statement styles? Wendy Lepkoff of Wendy Interiors Inc., toured me through her wardrobe to help explore my intrigue. Oftentimes when working with a client, Wendy wears an outfit in the same color scheme going in their home to

bring the look to life.

Her husband, Neil, would love it if he could sign off Wendy's clothes and jewelry. But something tells me her fashion is here to stay because she coordinates her style around her busy schedule. Bold jewelry, which is organized by color and metal, is what makes each of her outfits unique or how we say in the interior design world - pop.

To her clients, she brings many choices. Offering more than one combination involves the client in the design process. Just like her unlimited fashion closet, Wendy wants to create dif-

ferent designs to reflect the right message, emotion, or personality. She feels amazing in her jewelry every day just as her client should feel in their home.

## Wendy's Fashion Feng Shui's

**Your signature scent?**  
Clean smell such as mint or cucumber.

**An accessory you wouldn't be caught without?**  
Rings.

**What clothing makes you feel the sexiest?**  
Leggings and a long blouse.

**Which season do you like to dress for most?**  
Summer.

**Bad. hair. day. Your solution?**  
Never, my curls work in all weather.

**Your red carpet dress up?**  
Very dramatic jewelry and shoes with a bold statement plus a high styled gown.

**Your couch potato dress down?**  
Pretty pajamas - I'm not a dress down kind of girl.

**Your most flattering color?**  
Olive green.

**How much of your closet is new and how much is old?**  
70% old and 30% new.

**What turns you on in style equally as much as home design?**  
Layering. I layer all my colors, and with window treatments I do the same thing.

**Your favorite dress cut?**  
Bare neck with a shawl, vest or jacket and flowy but bold.

**Describe a piece of your clothing or jewelry that triggers a memory?**  
My white asymmetric long sleeveless V-neck blouse that I wore for both for National Designer of the Year Awards and for The Fabric Mill's Decorator Madness evening.

**Your favorite store to shop?**  
Intermix.

**Who are your favorite fashion icons/celebrity's styles?**  
Halle Berry and Jennifer Aniston.

**Do the clothes make the woman or does the woman make the clothes?**  
The woman makes the clothes

**If you had to switch to fashion design, what would your first collection be about?**  
Accessories.

**Biggest shopping splurges?**  
Shoes.

**Best shopping deals?**  
Pants or capris.

**Geometrics or animal prints?**  
Geometrics.

**Which era in time do you most admire for fashion?**  
Gone With the Wind era.

**If your friends could describe how you dress, what would they say?**  
Colorful and flowy.

**Fashion mantra?**  
Bold colorful dramatic asymmetric, you go girl! ■