

KAREN NG
The Idealist

“I bought my first US *Vogue* when I was 12,” says the bubbly Karen Ng. “But I had a very small budget then, so I couldn’t afford to buy it every month,” she continues with a chuckle. Tall, lean and blessed with a lithe frame, Ng credits her fashion passion to the supermodels she used to adore in her younger days. “I was in awe of how beautiful Christy Turlington, Cindy Crawford and Stephanie Seymour were. I wanted to be just like them.” It’s impossible to see Ng dress down. “Try catching me at home,” she jokes. Even then she will never be caught dead in casual jeans and flip-flops. “Dressing up takes a lot of effort. Even arranging your clothes back in the closet is an effort,” says this self-confessed fashion junkie, who runs a personal styling business. Ng sees herself as the fairy godmother of fashion, resolute in her goal to groom as many women as she can, no matter how old they are. “I’m already 36 and there are lots of good-looking young girls out there, but I’ve never once felt threatened.” These days, the former stewardess makes sure she’s always dressed immaculately whether she’s going for a ball or to the church. “I only wish they (the girls-next-door) know how much they can gain by dressing up. Once I was shopping in the mall and somebody just bought me something — he said, “You know, you look so beautiful, this is for you!”

SHEER PASSION
“I like the fluid sheer outfits from Fendi — especially this green dress. I don’t mind the price if the quality and cut is excellent. I work it this way — if a dress costs \$2,000 and if I wear it 10 times, it’s only \$200!”



Fendi

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Yves Saint Laurent

TWINKLE, TWINKLE
“The stars shoes from YSL is going to be the next big thing. Stefano Pilati is a genius to bring back the star motif and I think he did a brilliant reinvention. It’s simple but it’s the putting together that counts.”

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Chloe

PAINT JOB
“This season, the key looks are definitely stars and stripes, and neutral colour clothes splashed with colour.”



Martin Margiela

SPRING BUYS
“I bought a Martin Margiela masculine tuxedo jacket from Hong Kong this season. It’s very sleek and so well cut. It does not have the heavy shoulder padding Margiela uses sometimes, which looks too structured.”



Chanel

SPARKLE AWAY
“The only thing worth buying from Chanel this season is the sequinned tote bag.”



Gucci

BOOTIES CALL
“I didn’t like Louis Vuitton. Even Gucci has become too simple. There’s nothing special or particularly interesting this season and I think they could have done better. However, the must-have from Gucci are the booties; it’s very in now. I’ve been seeing them around a lot.”



ACCESSORIES HEAVEN
“Go for dresses with stars and stripes, sea creatures or forest insects like butterflies. If the outfit doesn’t have it, I’m sure you can find accessories with these details. There are also lots of short dresses this season — the current look is the thin waist belt. Look out for that!”

Yves Saint Laurent