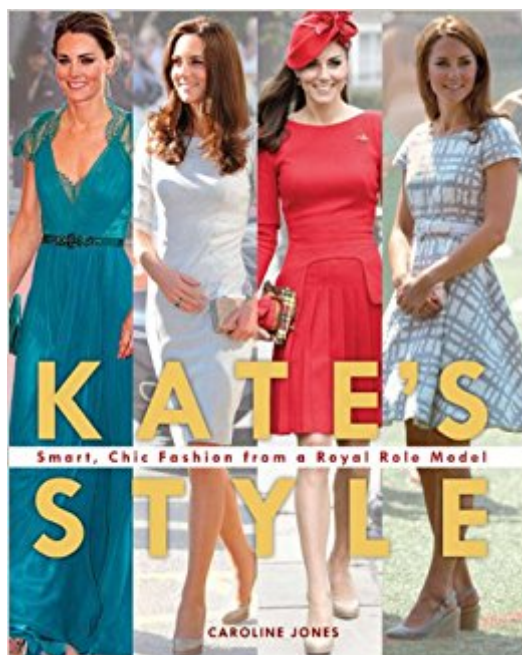


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# Kate's Style: Smart, Chic Fashion From A Royal Role Model



## Synopsis

The moment Kate Middleton stepped in front of the camera with her then fiancé Prince William to announce their engagement, a style icon was born. The electric blue Issa dress she wore on that day sold out in just 24 hours and sparked an international trend in “little blue dresses.” Classic and ladylike, yet fresh and youthful, the Duchess of Cambridge’s style has been like a breath of fresh air in a world that seemed to have forgotten the undeniable appeal of dressing like a lady. Now, author and lifestyle writer Caroline Jones captures that elusive style and tells us just how to create it in our own wardrobes. In *Kate’s Style*, Jones offers a range of tools for achieving the Duchess’s celebrated look. Readers will find--A visual timeline of Kate’s outfits--from her days at university to recent royal tours and red carpet appearancesA directory of her favorite retailers and designersA fabulous collection of full page photos showcasing Kate’s most iconic outfits, complete with pointers on how to recreate the look.*Kate’s Style*, is the essential guide for Kate addicts and fashion lovers alike.

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## Customer Reviews

Kate Middleton, a.k.a. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, has become one of the biggest style icons in living memory, and a fashion ambassador for designers from casual wear to the catwalk. This essential fashion guide to the Duchess’s sartorial style celebrates her natural glamour and gives Kate fans a one-stop resource to achieving her look. Inside

Kate's Style, you'll find: A Calendar of Style showing how her fashion choices have evolved from her days as a student to her life as a royal role model. A Look Book that focuses on what everyone wants to know: Where exactly the Duchess's key fashion pieces come from and how you too can follow her fashion lead without having to marry a prince or go bankrupt in the process. Beautiful glossy photographs, plus in-depth details on 40 of Kate's most memorable outfits – the shops, designers, and history behind them – plus insider information on her style and grooming secrets. Packed with practical tips that hold true for any budget – such as how to pick the perfect "Kate" blazer and ways to work her classic nude heels – and including a handy shopping directory on her favorite brands, designers, and stylists, Kate's Style is everything you need to emulate the most stylish British woman of our time – Kate the Great!

This essential guide to the Duchess of Cambridge's style celebrates her ladylike, yet youthful fashion flair and gives Kate fans an insider's look at her favorite designers and stores, plus her beauty and grooming tricks – all in one gorgeously illustrated book. More than forty of the Duchess's most iconic outfits – including jewelry, hats, shoes, and bags – are analyzed. From effortless casual clothes to red-carpet eveningwear, this book shows you how Kate's chic, polished, and quintessentially elegant style can work for you. Tip boxes give advice on hair, makeup, accessories, and how to put an outfit together like Kate. A style calendar charts her look from her single days at the University of St. Andrews to her life as a duchess. Includes a shopping directory of Kate's favorite brands and designers!

As an avid follower of Kate's style and influence, I really was excited when I saw this book about to be released on so I preordered it. It came today and I regret that it is near worthless unless you are an absolute beginner when it comes to Kate Middleton's style. If you read What Kate Wore or if you have even a moderate amount of knowledge on her wardrobe then this book has little to offer. Many of the photos are horrible in quality - several look as though they were taken in a circus mirror - blurry and distorted in order to be stretched to fit the space on the page. This is a poorly constructed book containing only superficial information that can easily be found online for free - I had to laugh when I saw the guide to Kate's favorite designers in the back since many bloggers with more eloquent writing styles have already compiled this online for their readers for free and with clickable links. This book appears to merely be riding the "Kate Effect", rehashing basic facts and not adding anything new to the "Kate's Style" dialogue. Very disappointed...

Got this for a friend who loves Kate M. She really liked this book. Thought the pictures were good quality. I perused it. There was a lot of variety in the book. I thought it would be a nice gift for a Kate fan. I don't really know much about Kate's style. But the recipient was very happy to receive this as it was not part of her collection. I think this book contains content that is not found in other Kate books.

I just got the book & skimmed through it. It is one of the best books on Kate's fashion, make up, hair, etc. out there. It doesn't get into the detail of Kate's journey to become Will's wife like *Kate Style* by Orme does. It just focuses on the fashion mostly after the engagement & wedding. They just touch on the engagement & wedding a little. Even talk about some of her early pregnancy choices and a nod to Pippa too. This is the most up-to-date book focusing on her fashion choices only—outside of a few magazines like *People*—I have seen so far. If you're a Kate chaser like me, you already have *Kate Style* by Orme & *Kate Style Princess* by Cywinski in your collection. I would highly advise adding this one. Pictures (clear & glossy—you see every detail) & details—a whole index is focused on her outfits & accessories. There are tips where you can find look-alike items. This book is so worth the price! Definitely a collector's item! I also want to add that there are some pictures that I have not seen. I am not into the blogs or the fan pages as others who follow Kate's every move closely. Their views are different than mine as far as this book is concerned. I do want to mention "The Cecile" dress by Erdem Moralioglu. I got an identical copy of it from ASOS Cruve. Yes, I am a big girl on a budget who tries to get some of Kate's style in clothing & accessories whenever possible. ASOS dress ran about \$70.00 from their U.S. site. I was informed by Ashley Falcon (a writer for *People Style Watch's* Plus Size Style. Yes, she sometimes does answer fan questions/e-mails.) where to find some plus sizes in Kate's style. Another place she mentioned to look is Eloquii by The Limited. It has a similar dress (shorter sleeves) looking like the Issa's "Sapphire" dress worn on the engagement announcement. I paid about \$50.00 for it. However @ this writing, this store SEEMED to be going out of business. Do check it out anyways! Compared to Kate's choice, it came at a reasonable price. ASOS is brought up in the book as a maternity selection. I wouldn't knock all of this book's resources that it gives. I still say it's worth getting.

Compared to other "Kate Fashion" books this, in my opinion, is better. However, that being said, the author gets some things wrong. Like calling Kate's Tiffany & Co. diamonds by the yard bracelet a Links of London bracelet (page 40) and calling Kate's black Imperia Pied a Terre wedges the L.K.

Bennett "Maddox" shoes (page 48). I'm sure there are other mistakes as well, but those two really stood out to me. For me, there was no new information in this book. If you follow Kate blogs and know a fair to a good amount of information then there will be nothing new for you here. If you are just diving into the world of the Duchess of Cambridge you'll really get a lot out of this book. My main reason for purchasing this book was for the updated pictures. Most of the pictures are from just pre-engagement right up to Kate's appearance at the National Portrait Gallery on January 12, 2013 for the unveiling of her portrait. That being said there are a couple of older pictures of Kate and Kate with Pippa as well. I found most of the pictures to be of good quality, there are a couple that are weird looking, probably taken by a camera phone (like Kate's attendance at the 2012 London Olympic Games Closing Ceremony). And just as an FYI there are no engagement photos in this book, either from the announcement or when Will & Kate had their picture taken by Mario Testino, however, they are in many of the other Kate fashion books.

I have only good words about this book. It is well written by someone who knows a lot about fashion, has good taste and understands what piece of clothing works for what reason. It also has excellent research done on the pieces that Kate wore, which are actually within reach for a lot of us, I find that pretty amazing. The only info it's missing is for the Australian safari-style brown hat (outfit 14 on page 70) which is part of one of my favorite outfits. For some reason they list it as a hat "she has owned for many years and often wears on country strolls" - nothing more. The hat is from one of Kate's favorite companies where she buys a lot of her clothes and which is called Really Wild Clothing, Co. But that's a small detail. I'm still giving it five stars. I have learned a lot about putting together a nice, clean-lines looking, chic outfit from this book. I strongly recommend it.

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