

W e'd be hard pushed to find two people with less in common. *Skins* actress

Laya Lewis is a striking yet self-conscious sort. She's got a scar on her knee from playing netball, and the 19 year old is about as likely to be seen sporting girly high fashion as her wild on-screen alter-ego Liv Malone is to, well, keep her clothes on.

Uber fashion designer Henry Holland, meanwhile, strides into the studio every bit the king of cool. Achingly hip with not a hair on his trademark quiff out of place, maybe this unlikely duo are a tad too different to talk togs...

On the contrary. They immediately hit it off and when Henry, 28 – BFFs with model Agyness Deyn – wheels out his latest HI! by Henry Holland collection for the Designers at Debenhams range, it becomes clear that this could well be a fashion match made in heaven. We practically have to prise excited Laya from the rails of Henry's creations to get her verdict on her super-flattering, ultra-feminine new look.

"I'm so excited about this collection," says Henry. "I think Laya's going to look great in it." Let the style-over commence...



BEFORE

Dress, £36; hat, £16; shoes, £50, all HI! by Henry Holland at Debenhams



STYLE NOTES
Henry says: "The diagonal stripes on this dress create a slimming effect"

ONE DESIGNER,
ONE TV STAR

ONE HEAVEN

Tomboy SKINS star LAYA LEWIS was looking for a fashion overhaul. Enter

Jacket, £35; vest top, £14; shorts, £25; shoes, £38, all HI by Henry Holland at Debenhams



Jumper, £36; skirt, £26; shoes, £50, all HI by Henry Holland at Debenhams

HENRY SAYS "The waist on the brown dress emphasises Laya's curves, while the shorts and jacket are functional, but the print gives it a girlie twist. Anyone can wear shorts – team them with heels and tights if you're self-conscious. Pastels are going to be huge this summer, which is why I chose this coral top for Laya. It's bright without being too 'out there', and it makes dark skin tones pop. Looking good is all about getting your proportions right. If you're worried about your stomach, then team a flowing blouse with tighter trousers or a skirt. If, like Laya, you're worried about your shoulders then cover them up with a cardigan or jacket. Not that she should be – she looks great."

LAYA SAYS "I'd describe my usual look as 'stylish tomboy' and I love the whole '90s vibe. I normally wear shirts buttoned up to the neck, boots and jeans. My favourite are a baggy, high-waisted, washed-out pair I found in a vintage store. I don't wear heels and I accessorise with lots of big, gold jewellery."

At 5ft 7in, I'm a size 10-12 and happy with my body. If there's anything I'm not so keen on, it's my shoulders, as they're quite wide, so I tend not to wear vest tops. My favourite dress is actually by Henry Holland – honestly! It's a long-sleeved tight number that ends just below the knee.

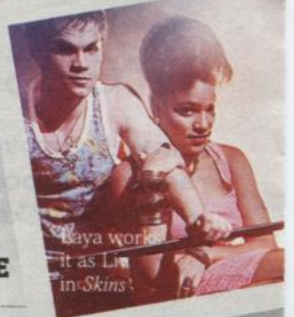
I love the clothes Henry put me in. I'm a big fan of bright colours, although not as much as my *Skins* character Liv – she takes it to another level. These looks are more revealing and girlie than I'd usually wear, but I feel great. Can I take them home?!"

Henry gives Laya some style tips



Style-over

HENRY HOLLAND and a rail of S/S CLOTHES BY ANTONIA HOYLE



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