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Despite her *Law & Order: SVU* character's less-than-chic wardrobe, this award-winning actress keeps her own closet best-dressed-list ready.

# Shopping with Mariska Hargitay

Mariska Hargitay loves almost everything about Olivia Benson, the no-nonsense police detective she's played on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* (Tuesdays at 10pm/9pm central on NBC) for the past seven seasons—except her clothes. “The girls on *Desperate Housewives* are gorgeous all day long,” complains the 42-year-old actress. “My outfits are all about the best shoes to chase a perp in!”

Michael Kors Handknit Hooded Cardigan, \$1,095 (sizes XS–L), and Eyelet Slip Dress, \$1,495 (sizes 0–14); Michael Kors, 310-777-8862, or Saks, 212-753-4000. Smithwick Dillon 18K Yellow Gold Long Diamond Chain Necklace, \$9,850; Smithwick Dillon 18K Yellow Gold Round Diamond and Heart Chain Necklace, \$3,250; and Kara Ross Semiprecious Stone and 18K Gold Necklace in smokey topaz, \$1,211; Bergdorf Goodman, 800-558-1855.

Celebrity Personal Shopper

It's a harsh reality for a woman whose mother was blonde bombshell Jayne Mansfield. So, off set, Mariska shops for clothes that are "soft," "girlie" and "shimmering." It's a personal style that's helped land her on best-dressed lists more than once, which, according to Mariska, is definitely a mixed blessing.

"Once you get on a best-dressed list," she says, "the pressure goes up to look cute all the time." To make sure she delivers, Mariska never shops alone.

Karen Zambos, a designer who also manages chic boutique Tracey Ross in Los Angeles, often sends the actress boxes of clothes to try on. And when Mariska hits the stores, she makes a "shopping date" with her friend Victoria, who, she says, always knows where to get it "better and cuter."

"I'm kind of an impulse buyer," Mariska explains. "I'm like, 'Just get it and go home.' But Victoria loves to bargain shop—she makes it so fun." And it

doesn't hurt if the two are in the market for Mariska's personal weakness. "I was in Barneys the other day, and I flipped over a pair of shoes," she confesses. "Of course, they turned out to be Chloé."

Unlike Olivia, Mariska pairs her ever-growing collection of 5" heels with practically everything in her wardrobe. "When your husband [actor Peter Hermann] is 6'5", you can get away with it," she says, laughing. So much for perp-chasing shoes.

—JENNIFER GRAHAM KIZER

## Mariska's Picks

Fourteen-hour days on set haven't dampened her shopping style. Here are her current brilliant buys.



Don't tell... Mariska wears sexy lingerie under her sensible attire on *Law & Order: SVU*.



A. Clé de Peau Lip Palette in brown, \$75 "Their brown is gorgeous." Barneys, 888-822-7639.

B. Yves Saint Laurent Sunglasses #6017 in blue, \$210 "Sunglasses are a thing I love. These are really pretty and really big, so they give a lot of protection." Select Solstice, 866-246-9043 for stores.

C. Roger Capron Side Tables with Vintage "Lava" Tiles, \$960/each (17"h x 16"w x 16"d) "I have a pair of these. They're from France, circa 1960." Guéridon, NY, 212-462-2149 to order similar styles.

D. Twelfth Street by Cynthia Vincent Printed Silk Caftan, \$370 (sizes P-L) "It's my new favorite." Belle Gray, CA, 818-789-4021.

E. Chanel Irréelle Duo in star-dust, \$38.50 "There's something about Chanel that I find incredibly elegant. When I see it in my makeup bag, it's the same feeling I have with lingerie. It makes me feel like a lady." Saks, 877-551-7257, or chanel.com.

F. Stella McCartney Silk Chain Pumps, \$495 (sizes 6-10) "I love to dress up. I love to wear heels. And I have quite a Stella shoe collection..." Stella McCartney, CA, 310-273-7051, or NY, 212-255-1556.

G. Chantelle Contour T-Shirt "Africa" Bra in ebony, \$69 (sizes 34B-38E) "It's lacy on the back, but offers really good support. Very functional, but also beautiful." Also in sand (light nude); La Petite Coquette, 888-473-5799, or thelittleflirt.com.

H. Kérastase Nutritive Serum Nutri-Sculpt, \$29 "It makes my hair really silky." Kérastase, 877-748-8357 for salons.