

Shopping for a living

Helping Hollywood stars look their best

Wouldn't it be cool if you could shop for a living? **1**
I'm talking about the latest fashions in the best shops.
For Hollywood wardrobe stylists, this kind of shopping largely defines the job.

"Obviously it's fun to get paid to spend money," says Jami, "and to get to feel like one of the rich and famous. But I also like to help make people look good. **2**
That's because every job is different, from game shows to commercials to movies."

Jami had no idea this job even existed until some actresses she knew kept telling her she'd be good at it.

3 "I basically carried around her shopping bags for free and learned the business, including stuff like who has the best evening wear and which tailor can do overnight alterations."

4 "It's hard not to let your own tastes interfere, but ultimately you're not the final decision maker," says Jami, who thinks for a minute and then says, "My all-time favorite actor was a monkey, because he didn't talk back and he didn't drop his clothes on the floor."

It's no wonder these stylists are often credited with setting fashion trends around the globe. A stylist might give an actress a beautiful bag or amazing scarf to wear to a premiere. **5** The next thing she knows, she's got her own line of accessories and a boutique at Sunset Plaza.

So the next time someone compliments your sense of style, you could think of becoming a wardrobe stylist - it could be your introduction to the stars!



- A. Once it's splashed across the pages of every magazine across the country it becomes a trend.
- B. And I don't mean for groceries or socks.
- C. A stylist, of course, often has to deal with strong personalities as well as big budgets.
- D. But that's one of the few disadvantages of the job.
- E. She already had a distinctive personal style, so she apprenticed with a well-known stylist.
- F. And one of the best things is that it's never monotonous.