

In The Bag: Holli Christensen

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Holli Christensen, owner of Arcadia's Park Avenue Blow Dry and Beauty Bar, appreciates bags of large stature and high quality. The comical cosmetic queen lugs a Louis Vuitton packed with everything besides the kitchen sink. A girl on-the-go, Christensen ponders, "Can I fit my entire office in this?" while purchasing a purse. You'll find Tom Ford sunglasses, tied, wrapped and twisted Hermes scarves around the handles and a plethora of all things pretty in her purse. We take a peek into, what she calls, "the abyss" that is Christensen's handbag.



Contents of the bag?

Since my bag is so large, it is really an abyss for collecting some random items, but I always make sure I have the following:

iPad, so I don't have to schlep my Macbook.

Oversized Tom Ford shades.

Prada reading glasses, for my geek chic moments.

Summer scent from Elie Saab.

My absolute favorite hair brush, The Spornette back-combing brush.

My elbow bands for my hardcore workout at the gym. Strange, I know.

Hermes scarf.

Who makes the bag? Why do you like it?

The bag came with a breakup. After I ditched my ex, I picked up Louis. It's been a great romance. The tote is a Neverfull GM from Louis Vuitton. The bag is amazing—great for traveling, lugging paperwork and lastly 'accidentally' knocking over ladies who cut you in line at Last Chance.

When it comes to shopping for handbags, where do you buy from?

I demand a bag that can withstand a world war and any natural disaster. I'm a simple girl; I change my handbag when it's 'life-cycle' is complete. That being said, I need a high-quality and durable purse. I've got my eye on a Garden Party tote from Hermes after my Vuitton bids me farewell.

What do you look for in a bag (design, shape, size, etc.)?

Can I fit my entire office in it?

You can never leave the house without _____?

I don't leave the house without a scarf of some kind, especially those from Hermes. During the summer, it is too hot to be wearing a silk scarf around your neck, so I actually tie it to my bag. This way I am still adding that fun splash of color to my ensemble without having to physically wear it.

Most shocking item in your handbag?

There's no room for shock value in this bag. Perhaps a pink-lady razor in the horrific case that I missed any strays and other assorted man-repelling items.