

Closet Case: Ryan Karner

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You'll find no seersucker, tennis sweaters or Keds in the closet of Ryan Karner, Arizona native and now Los Angelino working in the marketing department at a hair and makeup agency. Karner dubs his style as "emotionally driven with an interest in grunge and punk." Do not be mistaken, not the kind of tasteless and lackluster sort of 'punk' you'd see on *that* misfit from high school. Karner's punk is more along the lines of Vivienne Westwood, Yohji Yamamoto and decorates with studded and spiked accessories from Hermes. If classy could be discovered in grunge, Karner has obtained that look. Karner is easy to spot with his pink hair a la Chris Benz and added height from his Prada Creepers. Fashion misfit or style trailblazer? All the same. I love Karner's look and demeanor.



Describe your style?

Emotionally driven with an interest in grunge and punk. I'm not one for sensibility. I hardly ever take my Hermes Collier De Chien off and I parade around in Prada Creepers.

If you had to wear one item of clothing for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Two-inch Creepers. It's the most casual way for a guy to get a boost of height and separate yourself from "normal people."

If you could steal one person's wardrobe, who's would it be?

Seth Bogart of Hunx and his Punx, provided I could work in full-body spandex suits everyday. Perhaps I could snag a few of your J.Mendel caftans, Corbin.

What is the crown-jewel of your closet?

My Hermes Collier de Chien. Black leather with silver studs.

If any, what advice would you give to others about fashion?

Don't half-ass it and all your outfits should have something to say.

What article of clothing are you lusting for at the moment?

Obsessing over this pentagram harness by Zana Bayne. I'm sure I'll look like I worship Satan, but I just can't deny myself.

What is the biggest mistake people make when it comes to fashion?

They don't take it seriously. There's no excuse to not love what you're wearing, and there's never a reason to be dressed the same as anyone else.

What trend do you love at the current moment?

I love that there are a lot of trends that represent a lot of different types of people right now.

In history, fictional or non, what individual has the best style?

Klaus Nomi or Grace Jones. It would be fun to play dress-up with either!

Must-have beauty product?

Anything organic. I'm a total sucker for products for mature women (they are totally spoiled).

Favorite local boutique, shop, store?

Hands down, Wasteland on Melrose. Hello \$30 vintage Marc Jacobs denim jackets. When I'm too lazy to get out and shop I love Topman.