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#### **FASHION NATION**

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#### Walk me through this outfit.

I've been obsessed with this brand Wray, who made the dress. I found the green scarf on Amazon—I wanted an all-vintage vibe. The sunglasses are from Poppy Lissiman and I got the shoes from ASOS. The white bag from Anthropologie is a cool way to tie it all together. It's hard to shop completely from small, ethical, indie brands, but I try to incorporate them as much as I can.

#### How would you describe your style?

Completely eclectic. One day I wanna look old Hollywood glam, the next day I'm down to look like a sexy cowgirl.

#### Where do you get your inspiration?

For so many years, I was hiding in my own body, wearing oversized clothes. But now I'm experimenting and it's a lot of fun. I'm like, "Who do I get to be today?" Maybe I'll be inspired by an Audrey Hepburn movie, or a color palette from nature, or the streets of the Bronx where I live—people wear the sickest looks and I'm like, "I wanna try that!"

## What advice would you give to someone who wants to have more fun with clothes but doesn't think they can?

I always loved fashion, but I thought fat women like me were not allowed to participate in it because there was no representation in magazines or in the media. I thought I would be able to be a part of the fashion world when I lost weight, but you don't have to be a size zero to experiment with fashion. I wanna be the representation I needed when I was younger. If you can be that for yourself, or for the people around you, it's gonna make an impact. And life is too short to be afraid of wearing something sleeveless.—MOLLY MACGILBERT