

WE LOVE HER LOOK: Diane Birch

The 27-year-old singer-songwriter is getting noticed for her soulful pop-rock. But her fantastic sense of style has us equally impressed.



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Early on in her life, two things were apparent to Diane Birch: Her future would involve music (she taught herself piano at the age of seven), and fashion would play a very big role as well. "I was mad about berets when I was eight—I had them in a bunch of colors," she says, laughing. "My perm stuck out from underneath and I thought it looked really cool." Birch's debut album, called *Bible Belt*, is a direct reflection of her childhood. Her father, a conservative Christian pastor, moved the family to Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Australia doing missionary work. In all of her travels, Birch's style—a blend of world traveler and downtown hipster—began to take shape. The berets eventually

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gave way to hats of all types, and the collection grew to a few dozen. Her approach to her clothes, like the camel-colored Isabel Marant ankle boots she bought recently in Paris and a slew of pieces she owns from Comme des Garçons, has become as eclectic as it is creative. "I find myself putting on random prints," she says. "I like the chaos of it all—everything should be a little bit off. It gives an outfit more character." And while you can take the girl out of the church, you can't take the church out of the girl: In her extensive jewelry collection, she says, "the crucifixes are my favorite."



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"Some people have shoe obsessions—I have a hat obsession. To me, a hat is the cherry on top of an outfit."



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