

## Why Monica from Friends is this summer's unlikely style icon

If you tuned into Channel 4 every Friday night when Friends ran the first time around, from 1994, your favourite Friends character was Joey (the **adorable** one), Rachel (the sexy one), Chandler (the funny one) or Phoebe (the **eccentric** one). But in the second coming of Friends, since all 236 episodes arrived on Netflix in January of last year, Monica has unexpectedly found a breakout role as a style icon.

adorable 可爱的; 值得崇拜的

eccentric 古怪的

The funny thing is that the first time around, nobody was watching Friends for wardrobe tips. Audiences tuned into Friends not for the wardrobe or the lifestyle, but because it was really funny. It's just as funny this time around. But what adds an extra frisson to watching in 2019 is the fact that the 20-year revival cycle that drives fashion has the effect of making the outfits look delightfully **retro** and, somehow, absolutely right for now.

retro 复古的

What does it say about 2019 that Monica has **leapfrogged** Rachel to become the breakout style icon of the Friends revival? Rachel, the girl next door, always supercute in a waitress **apron**, tucking those blow-dried strands behind one ear, is perhaps a little too stay-in-your-lane girly for current tastes. Monica had a **seam** of **tomboy** running through her character and her wardrobe. But when she dressed up, she could pull off a **spaghetti strap** dress or a black lace cami with the **aplomb** of a 90s supermodel.

leapfrog 超越

apron 围裙; 停机坪

seam 缝

tomboy 假小子

spaghetti 意大利面

strap 带子; 皮带

spaghetti strap 细肩带

aplomb 垂直; 泰然自若