## **LONDON STYLE TRIBES**

London girls are a constant source of outfit inspiration – from Princess Diana to Jean Shrimpton, Julie Christie to Kate Moss, Isabella Blow to Alexa Chung, the list is truly endless. Every now and again there is a full-blown movement, a pack of sartorially innovative artists, models or musicians who don't just rewrite (intentionally or not) the rule book of what we want to wear, but whose influence has resonance for years to come. We round up three of the city's finest style sets and delve into their perennially appealing wardrobes.



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## **The Blitz Kids**

Shapers of the '80s, the New Romantic scene was born out of a nightclub in Covent Garden in the aftermath of Punk - a place for art students and creatives to dress up and express themselves. From frilled shirts to a touch of Bowie, pirates, androgyny, lashings of jewellery and a face full of makeup, these are outfits engineered for dancing.



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## The Blow-Up Girls





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up about a David Bailey-esque photographer and a murder potentially caught on camera couldn't have been better clad. Capturing the energy of London's 1960s fashion and art scenes, the cast were resplendent in colour blocking brights and graphic shapes.

Vanessa Redgrave, Jane Birkin, Veruschka – the cast of 1966's Blow-





## novelists Virginia Woolf and EM Forster and modernist painters Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant there are lessons to be learned from the wardrobe of the pioneering, free-thinking Bloomsbury

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set. Think bold prints, colourful necklaces and oversized knits.



