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Rowan Blanchard and Sabrina Carpenter on Sneakers, Sisterhood, and Dressing Without Rules



Rowan Blanchard and Sabrina Carpenter are more than just starlets. With their distinctive style and commitment to activism, the actresses have made an impression since they arrived on the scene as the stars of 2014's Disney hit *Girl Meets World*. Intelligent, politically active, and inclined to use their platforms for social justice, both women have secured places among Young Hollywood's most influential. Since the show's finale last year, they have headed in slightly different directions. Carpenter is moving toward music with the release of her second album, *Evolution*. Blanchard, meanwhile, is pursuing a film career, including a supporting role in Ava DuVernay's upcoming adaptation of *A Wrinkle in Time*. While they're flourishing separately, their latest project brings the two back together.

As part of Converse's newly launched Forever Chuck campaign, Blanchard and Carpenter join a bevy of Gen-Z tastemakers, including dancer-turned-Gucci model Alton Mason, Riverdale actor Cole Sprouse, body-positive model Paloma Elsesser, and rising star Selah Marley in the ads launched on the brand's new Converse Style Instagram. Though they were shot separately, Blanchard and Carpenter say the roots of their personal style are very intertwined. "When we were doing *Girl*, we grew up and discovered [our] style together," Blanchard said on the phone from California. Comparing the experience to high school, Blanchard remembers their days of coordinating fondly. "We would plan out our outfits for the next day on set and were definitely very into each other's style. You want to look cool, and you are really inspired by what your friends are wearing. Sabrina and I were each other's references for that."

Long past the days of dressing alike, Carpenter and Blanchard can still find points of commonality. Both are lovers of vintage shopping, '90s style, and, of course, Converse. And both are united by a willingness to use fashion as a form of expression. "We've almost traveled different paths since the show ended, but to meet up in a place that we both can relate to and identify with is cool," said Carpenter. "I was just looking at Rowan's pictures that came out and she looks amazing. I love that we both can relate and identify with this brand and everything that it stands for."

Here, the stars explain how they work sneakers into their wardrobes and why they're not about to follow fashion rules.

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Sabrina Carpenter



Whether she's attending the American Music Awards in colorful Missoni, as she did earlier this month, or selecting refined lace-covered Roberto Cavalli for MTV's Europe Music Awards, Carpenter keeps things chic and experimental. "I'm 18. If I don't experiment now, then I might not have the chance later in life! This is the time when I'm finding what I am most comfortable in and what I love," she explained. While she's apt to wear designer gear on the red carpet, the majority of Carpenter's wardrobe comes from what she finds while traveling for work. "I do try to do as much vintage shopping as I can, truthfully, because I travel so much," Carpenter said from Stockholm. "I'm in Sweden right now, and there are so many great things around."

Taking into consideration her petite 5-foot frame, Carpenter generally wears heels, but when it comes time to go casual, there's only one option. "Once I realized that embracing how I was born was the easiest passageway to happiness, I found comfort in [wearing] Chucks," she said. "Just the fact that I could wear them with any outfit and they'd complete the look." Whether it's a big event or a candid selfie (seen by 16.5 million followers), Carpenter's fans are opinionated when it comes to her fashion choices. "I'm very lucky that they're so honest with me about everything that I do," said Carpenter, who believes in keeping her online interactions authentic. "They won't buy into anything other than that—even if they are my biggest fans. Just because they support me doesn't mean that they have to love everything that I wear!"