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How to be a 'Copy-Kate'

Duchess Kate fans call them “RepliKates” or “Copy-Kates.” A number of blogs track in detail what Duchess Kate of Cambridge wears whenever she appears in public; they also tell readers where to find exact replicas or very similar items at lower prices and at stores closer to home. USA TODAY’s **Maria Puente** shares some of the favorite examples of Christine OBrien, founder of the American blog *WhatWouldKateDo.com*.

1 THE ENGAGEMENT WRAP DRESS:

When the long-awaited announcement of Kate Middleton’s engagement to Prince William came in November 2010, she wore an attractive navy-blue wrap silk dress by the London-based brand Issa. Instantly, the dress flashed around the world; almost as instantly, it sold out, even though it cost nearly \$1,000. Soon there were many copies. To this day, the Issa dress is still for sale, as are even more versions. This stretch rayon jersey dress, the New Jeanne Two by Diane von Furstenberg, is \$325 at Nordstrom.com.



2 THE TEMPERLEY LONDON CUTOUT DRESS:

Kate’s most recent dress standout, worn last month to a gala after her recovery from another bout of morning sickness, was Alice Temperley’s Emblem Flare Dress (about \$1,000) with cutout panels inspired by stained-glass ironwork and woven from cotton-blend yarn over a nude slip. Calvin Klein has a similar laser-cut sheath dress: \$79.99 at lordandtaylor.com.



3 TALL SUEDE BOOTS:

On a visit to her old school in November 2012, Kate surprised everyone when she took to the field to play a little field hockey while wearing high-heeled black suede boots, later identified as Aquatalia Rhumba Boots (about \$700). But Vince Camuto has a similar pair, the Emip Boots with 4-inch heels, for \$198 at VinceCamuto.com.



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4 THE NAVY-BLUE SMYTHE BLAZER:

This may be the most-often-seen piece of clothing in Kate’s closet, a one-button schoolboy-style blazer from the upper-crust brand (about \$600). But J Crew has a similar blazer for about a third of the price: Navy Schoolboy Blazer, \$198 at jcrew.com.



5 THE TEMPERLEY LONDON ODELE COAT:

We know Kate owns this leather and sheepskin coat because there are blurry paparazzi shots of her wearing it (about \$3,750 originally). But Via Spiga has produced a similar coat with faux leather and sheepskin for way less: Via Spiga Faux Leather and Faux Fur Collar Coat, \$278 at Bloomingdales.com.



6 THE LK BENNETT NUDE PLATFORM PUMPS:

Another accessory frequently seen on Kate, these elegant and versatile “court” pumps by a favorite British brand originally cost about \$350. But many brands brought out their own, including Stuart Weitzman; they’re only slightly less expensive but come in two other colors. Stuart Weitzman “Platswoon” Pump, \$340, StuartWeitzman.com.



7 KATE’S “GRACE” DIAMOND EARRINGS:

These round white topaz and diamond baubles in 18-carat gold by Kiki McDonough (about \$1,200) are popular with RepliKators, OBrien says. One alternative: These cubic zirconia studs: Nadri Cubic Zirconia Stud Earrings, \$32.30 at Nordstrom.com.



8 THE ECCENTRIC FASCINATOR:

They might be the most British items in Kate’s wardrobe: those quirky fascinators perched on her head, not quite a full-blown chapeau but more than a headband. Often, they’re meant to signal something, like this red one by Sylvia Fletcher in the shape of a maple leaf that Kate wore on her visit to Canada in 2011 (Fletcher’s creations typically go for more than \$300 apiece). But vintage website ModCloth has a whole page of fascinators for sale to game Americans, including this one in rouge for a fraction of Kate’s version: Tilt the End of Time Fascinator, \$29.99 at ModCloth.com.



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