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CONFESSIONS

Whether it's a passion for Manolos or a hankering for rare groove, personal style is the most elusive fashion must-have. *Vogue's* View delves into seven style mavens' wardrobes.

Party Dresser

MISS MIX:
SYLVIE CHATEIGNER
AT HER FAVORITE
RESTAURANT,
LE RÉCONFORT

Parisian though Sylvie Chateigner is, there is nothing particularly French about her taste. Banned from her closet are all things *bcbg*. In their place are all things original, eclectic, or just plain rare. "I don't like wearing clothes that anyone else has," says Chateigner from her richly hued apartment in Paris. "I like buying fabric and getting something sewn for me."

Her outfits—which are hardly off-the-rack—live up to her own hype. Chateigner's look of the moment is a kind of perverted cowgirl pieced together from an odd assortment of stores. The Stetson is from Western Spirit on Broadway; the lace shirt is from the vintage store she previously owned; her trousers are from the French chain store Morgan; and the slip—worn under the lace shirt and over the trousers—was made by a friend. Her fabric source is the Marché St. Pierre in Paris, where she buys everything from the cheapest Indian cottons to

the most expensive French silks.

Chateigner certainly needs to keep her style one step ahead. As party organizer to the city's fashion and music scene, she can hardly afford to be on the wrong end of a trend. Her latest soiree, for 2,000 people, took place in the Salle Wagram, an old Parisian theater, and featured deejays from Paris and New York playing deep house and garage music into the small hours. It's not surprising that the one accessory she can't live without is her mobile phone.—PLUM SYKES

style notes

Book: "Les Rois Maudits," by Maurice Druon
Movie: "The Thomas Crown Affair"
Icon: "My mother—the incarnation of style. She was Jewish from Morocco and inspired my multiethnic taste."
Designer: Dice Kayek, Jean Colonna, Missoni
Shoes: Michel Perry, Sergio Rossi
Best buy: Black Hermès cashmere shirt from a flea market for five francs
Biggest buy: "Azzedine Alaïa dress I only wore twice"