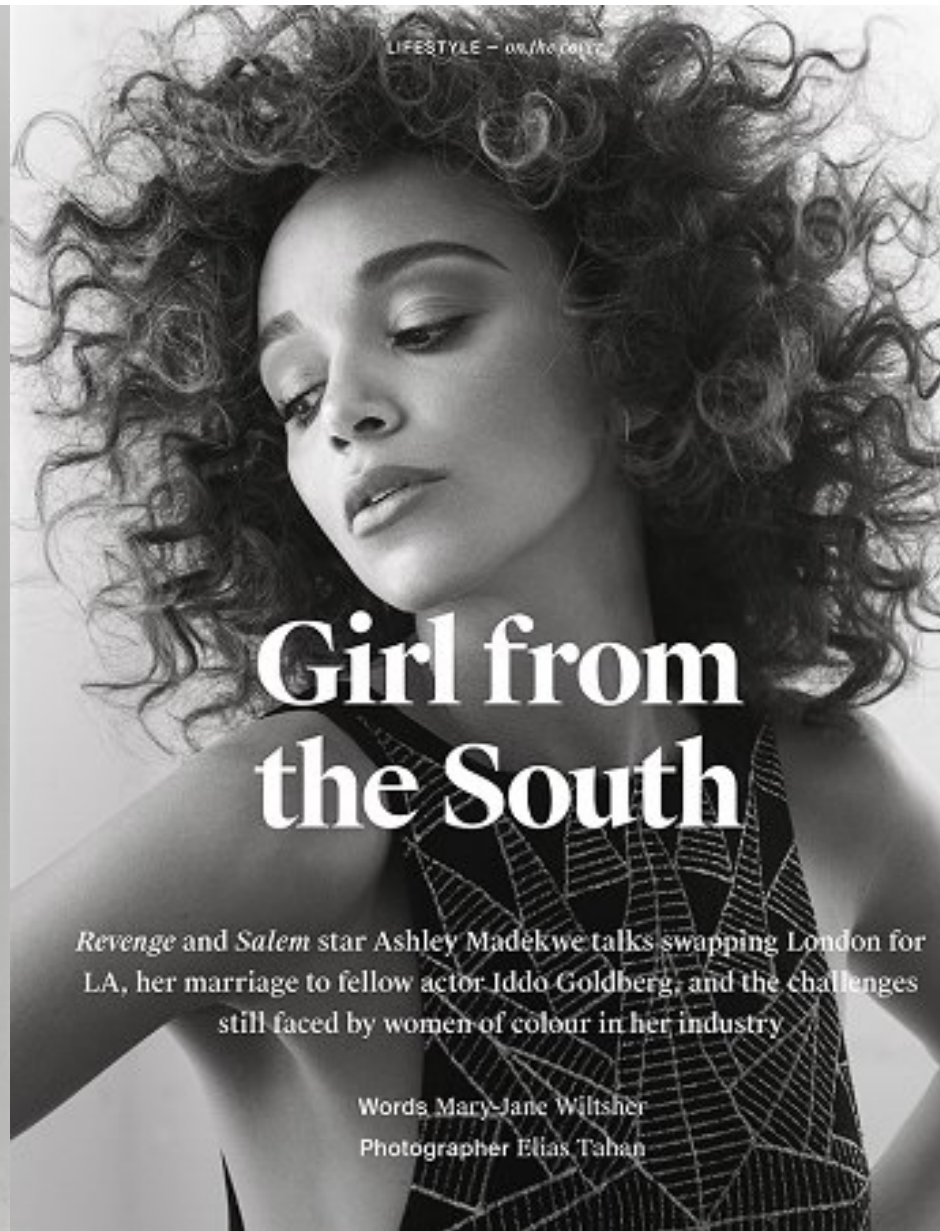




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Revenge and Salem star Ashley Madekwe talks swapping London for LA, her marriage to fellow actor Iddo Goldberg, and the challenges still faced by women of colour in her industry

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ALL-DAY STYLE MADE EASY

REVENGE ACTRESS (AND OUR LATEST
STYLE CRUSH) ASHLEY MADEKWE TALKS
US THROUGH A DAY OF GREAT LOOKS

She's the new Brit on the block – and Hollywood can't get enough of her. Having starred in *Secret Diary Of A Call Girl* and *Brillou*, Ashley Madekwe has landed a leading role in the hugely successful US drama *Revenge*. So what's the best thing about being a *Lesdancer* in LA? "You can wear heels all day! You're always in your car, no one walks anywhere," she giggles. When she's not tackling a gruelling schedule, or hanging out with BFF Mischa Barton, 30-year-old Ashley is updating her style blog at ashley-eingmybell.blogspot.com. Anyone who reads it (and it has thousands of followers!) will know that she loves clothes. "Tip on Net-A-Porter or Asos every day," she admits. "My character in *Revenge* has an iPad, so when I'm on set I can keep shopping!" It's lucky that her husband (*Secret Diary* co-star Iddo Goldberg), who she married in June this year, can talk fashion: "We have serious conversations about the pros and cons of wedge stilettos," she laughs. Despite her style credentials, Ashley has no desire to try her hand at designing. Her real ambition is to be on stage – "Lady Macbeth. That's the ultimate goal!"

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8/10s: Rise and shine

"I try to wear matching pyjamas, but sometimes end up wearing my husband's T-shirts, which may sound sexy – but it's really not!"

Green cotton pyjama top and bottoms £82.50 Everley



HOW I WEAR

Actress, blogger and major style crush Ashley Madekwe kicks off three spring trends in her 'Brit in L.A.' vibe

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LOOK 1

LACE 'N' JERSEY

"Adding a denim jacket to lace dresses it down. I do this a lot to make looks accessible rather than pricey and precious. I love the black lace skirt look too. With a crop top added, it gives it a sporty element."

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