

GOLDEN GIRL



It's time to peel off the layers – hot young

actress, model and musician CC Sheffield shows us how ▶

Metallic nylon swimsuit, £310, Norma Kamali (net-a-porter.com).
Cotton and metal bangles, £130 each, Orly Genger by Jaclyn Mayer (asos.com)

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HER BODY CONFIDENCE

"I'm so glad I'm not stick-thin. I think it's all about loving and working with what you've got. And confidence helps, so wear your bikini with confidence and you'll look amazing. I recently went to South Africa and I could have lived off steamed chicken and vegetables, but it's wine country, so I enjoyed myself! I think guys find it sexier if you're confident and happy to drink a glass of champagne and eat French fries, if that's what you fancy. Just do whatever it is that makes you feel better about yourself, be it applying an anti-cellulite cream, wearing fake tan or painting your fingers and toes in a cool colour."

Above, chiffon blouse, £290, Lala Berlin (lalaberlin.com); sequined Lurex knickers, £189, By Malene Birger (020 7486 4000); cotton and metal necklace, £250, Orly Genger by Jaclyn Mayer (asos.com)

There's a lot of buzz about Cydney Celeste Sheffield (known as CC) right now. Singer, songwriter, model, actress... every club in every major city wants her to DJ, the Coppolas are queuing up to cast her in their movies, the coolest record labels are desperate to sign her and party planners from New York to LA are tripping over themselves to get her on their red carpet - she even earned us a free dessert during our interview at a Santa Monica restaurant, simply for being who she is. (Yep, she has this body *and* eats salted caramel *crème brûlée*.)

By day, CC acts in hits such as vampire series *True Blood* and, by night, she makes music in the world's top clubs, including The Standard Hotel in Hollywood, where she's resident DJ. She's racked up serious indie points by starring in Sofia Coppola's *Somewhere* and Sofia's brother Roman chose her for *A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III*, alongside Charlie Sheen.



Cotton dress, £156, Tagara Anika (tagara-anika.com)

"That must have been quite an experience?" "Charlie was nice to work with," she says, "but he's frail and smells of alcohol! He sent me a text on Thanksgiving saying, 'Gobble gobble sexy girl!'"

CC's also managed to scoop a Grammy nomination along the way for co-writing the Deadmau5 single "Raise Your Weapon".

"I was in a club in Miami when my publisher texted me: 'Congratulations, you're a Grammy-nominated artist'. I attended the awards and it was an amazing night. I didn't win, but I will one day - it's spurred me on even more."

She's already collaborated with the big players in electro-dance, from Tiësto (she recently toured with him) to Afrojack (Beyoncé's favourite) and the cooler-than-humanly-possible Skrillex. If you haven't heard CC's music, then think Calvin Harris meets Nicki Minaj, topped off with a bit of Rihanna. Hop on YouTube and join the 8.2 million viewers who've watched her singing and dancing in Tiësto's "Escape Me".

For someone featured on "ones to watch" lists the world over, CC seems unaffected by her recent success, which she puts down to hanging out with the right people and not the "Beverly Hills moneyed crowd".

"I've been in LA since I was 17 years old and I've seen it all. The most important thing I've learnt is you attract what you put out - so be nice." Even when she lost out in the final two for *It's On With*, a talk show on MTV, she didn't see it as a failure. "Alexa Chung got the gig, but when I went in for my final audition, my dog peed on the carpet. I remember thinking, 'If I don't get this, I'm glad my dog did that!'"

A loop of CC's songs blasts from the speakers during our shoot and the make-up artist and hairstylist can't resist dancing - her energy is infectious. "Whether I'm playing in a club or at a festival, my music will get you up and having a good time."

"I'm just about to produce the music video for the first song off my album and I'm so excited. I'm doing it myself as I know exactly how I want it to look."

Her future ambitions? "My dream is to play at Coachella and I'd also like to cross over to pop and collaborate with Rihanna. The way Lady Gaga cracked it with 'Poker Face', but I want to do it my way."

As she poses in the scorching sun, totally unfazed by the bystanders, whooping, taking photos and caught up in her buzz, I think CC will definitely end up doing it her way. ▶

THAT FLAWLESS FIGURE

"I cycle and walk everywhere I go. I'd much rather exercise outside than inside. I detest gyms. I'll make sure I allow an extra 45 minutes to get to the supermarket or to a casting, just so I can cycle there. It's toning, I get to have fresh air and it's better for the environment. I don't follow any crazy diet or live on only organic food - I love Japanese food and the Mediterranean diet. I eat everything in moderation and stay as active as I can with my crazy schedule. My top diet tip is to stop when you're full, don't feel like you have to finish everything on your plate."

CALIFORNIAN CHIC

"For day, I like to wear Isabel Marant - normally, it's a linen dress, biker boots and a denim jacket, then something sexy-chic for night. The only beauty products I wear for DJ-ing are false lashes and L'Oréal Paris's Rouge Infallible Lipstick in Ginger [£11.29; available nationwide] - it lasts till morning."

Below, metallic nylon swimsuit, Norma Kamali; and cotton and metal bangles, Orly Genger by Jaclyn Mayer, all as before



Wool-mix jumper, £200, Rebecca Taylor (rebeccataylor.com). Nylon bikini bottoms (part of a set), £81, Tavik (asos.com). Metal bracelet, stylist's own



CC'S LA GLOW

"Fake tan can make you feel so much better about yourself and I always apply it before I hit the beach. I use a body scrub the night before to create smooth skin and always pat on a light body cream for a few days afterwards to make it last. I'm also careful to protect my skin with SPF30, as it's so hot in LA."

Suede waistcoat, £438, La Perla (020 7245 0527). Stretch-lace swimsuit, £380, Norma Kamali (net-a-porter.com). Cotton and metal necklace, Orly Genger by Jaclyn Mayer, as before. Sunglasses, stylist's own

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GARNIER AMBRE SOLAIRE
Golden Protect High SPF30, £14.99, Garnier (available nationwide)



GARNIER bodytonic
BodyTonic Sugar Scrub, £7.14, Garnier Skin Naturals (available nationwide)



Nail Color in, from left, Mint Candy Apple; Tart Deco; and A List, £7.99 each, all Essie (0845 070 8090)

Eye Studio Color Tattoo 24Hr in Permanent Taupe, £4.99, Maybelline New York (available nationwide)



Color Riche Intense Lipstick in Magnetic Coral, £8.16, L'Oréal Paris (available nationwide)



Miracle Skin Perfector Daily-All-in-One BB Cream, £9.99, Garnier (available nationwide)



Lash Architect 4D Waterproof, £10.99, L'Oréal Paris (available nationwide)



From far left, Elvive Colour Protect Caring Shampoo; and Elvive Colour Protect Caring Conditioner, £2.69 each, both L'Oréal Paris (available nationwide)



Intensive 7 Days Soothing Gel-Cream, £2.99, Garnier Body (available nationwide)



Ambre Solaire No Streaks Bronzer Tinted Self-Tan Gel, £13.99, Garnier (available nationwide)

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