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Dapper DIVA



SPOT-ON STYLE ADVICE FROM SELF-LOVE WARRIOR BEVIN BRANLANDINGHAM, AKA QUEER FAT FEMME

Describe your look in five words
Miss Piggy retro glitter bombshell

Let's talk fashion evolution
When I was 24, I went to a Gossip concert. My queer, fat, femme friend was there too, wearing a dress. This was one of those times I had considered wearing a babe dress, but chose not to because no one else would. Beth totally complimented her dress and I was just standing there being one of the crowd. I decided in that moment that I wasn't going to hold myself back anymore. Quentin Crisp defined style as being yourself on purpose. That moment when I really started doing it was a huge point of liberation for me.

Body image and style – discuss
It's everything. It's a feedback loop. I honour my body by learning to love it more every day. I adorn my body with clothes and accessories and hairstyles that make me happy. I celebrate my body by expressing myself with clothing. I make peace with parts of my body and style around those parts.

Top tips for flawless fashion
If it brings you joy, wear it. Own it. Learn how your body interacts with different cuts and fabrics. Don't be limited by your size.

Go-to outfit for...
A first date:
Cleavage – I have a "first date dress" I wore for years. It's v-neck and form-fitting with a flare skirt.

Just chilling:
Loungerie – vintage lingerie that looks super cute but is comfortable.

Pride:
Something femme and rainbow.

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