

As *Girl Meets World* star Sabrina Carpenter tries on some of this season's best dresses, she fantasizes about the big night (she's never been to prom!) and shares her party and style secrets.

girl meets prom

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DRESS Alyce Paris, \$2,999, alyceparis.com.
EARRINGS Swarovski, \$149, Swarovski boutiques.





DRESS Vivi Ta,
\$348,
vivitadesigns.com

Sabrina
Carpenter
has been
dreaming
of prom
forever.



DRESS Ruby Vogue
Couture, \$718,
dressgalaxy.com

While growing up in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, the singer-actress says she spent a lot of time putting on at-home fashion shows with clothes from her mom's closet, watching movies featuring high school dances, and wishing she'd get to have a magical night of her own. "I always thought of prom as a ball, and I saw myself as Cinderella," Sabrina says. "It was a fairy tale to me." But the 17-year-old, who lives in L.A. now, has never been to a regular school—and still hasn't had the prom night of her dreams. (The closest she's come to it: an on-screen semiformal in an episode of *Girl Meets World* and more red-carpet events than she can count.) Still, Sabrina loves what prom represents. "It's the one night a year where you can be whoever you want." At the moment, she can't decide who that would be: "I'd look like a princess, or I'd wear a suit. It's cool to see a girl in something different." One thing she is sure of: Prepping for a glam night out involves pump-up tunes ("lots of *Hamilton!*"), a partner in crime, and definitely some glitter. Read on.



her party

Prom



DRESS La Femme, \$438,
lafemmeffashion.com

take cool pics

“Make them unique. Don’t stand in front of your pool, don’t stand in front of the doorway—it’s not as cute as you think. Keep it natural: You already look more dressed up than usual, so if you can make the picture more casual, that’s a nice balance. At prom, photo booths are great because you get to control the shot. We all get freaked out because pictures stay online forever, but think of them as documentation of what you were like at a specific time. Accept it and embrace it, and if you don’t like it, change up your look next time. If you do like it, then good on you.”

LEAVE YOUR COMFORT ZONE

“Prom only happens maybe a couple times for you if you’re lucky, so you want to make sure you have the time of your life. Take in every moment that you can, step outside your comfort zone, loosen up, and have fun—find that one friend who can help you do it. For me, that’s Joey King. She’ll always be like ‘Come on! We’re dancing right now!’ We’re all so neurotic that we think everyone is looking at us and paying attention to us, when really, everyone is worried about themselves. We’re all thinking the same thing in our heads.”

treat yo’self

“After big events, I’ll go out for pizza or to In-N-Out Burger with my friends. I’m always hungry, but especially after a long night of dancing. At that point, I’m just like, ‘Screw it—I’ll have the milkshake!’ ”

DON’T STRESS ABOUT A DATE

“Prom is supposed to be a good experience and an amazing memory. It’s okay to not have a date, especially if you’re going with a group of people. (For the record, my dream date would be Lin-Manuel Miranda or Emilia Clarke.) When it comes to parties, I don’t think, I’m going to meet boys, or I need to bring a boy. For me, it’s more like, This is going to be a really fun party and I’m going to get dressed up and feel special—and who knows what could happen? And it’s also okay to switch things up and have the girl do the asking. I think that’s cool!”

pack light

“Bring as little as possible—your phone, lip balm, cash, and you’re good. Don’t bring your credit card, because you don’t want to lose that. Cash is easier.”

ASK FOR THE RIGHT MUSIC

“Any guy I’ve ever danced with can’t dance and it gets awkward. But great music can make everybody happy. The other night I was at a party and *Lemonade* was playing. Everybody hit the dance floor and it was cool to see how when it’s a song that everybody loves, they just want to sing and have a good time. I know if I’m dancing to a song and I don’t know the words, I don’t feel as into it. So go to the DJ and request your fave song. Make the most of it.”

live in the moment

“Don’t Snapchat the entire time. Chances are, everyone you’re Snapping it to is at the prom! I take photos when it feels right, then put my phone down.”

just relax

“Before a big event, I’ll listen to music and drink water so I know I’m going to stay hydrated. I also love when people come over beforehand and you help each other get ready and make sure that everybody feels confident. I usually do my makeup with my sister or friends. It’s about having fun—like when I was a kid and playing dress up just for myself—except now I’m going somewhere afterward!”



DRESS Mac
Duggal, \$598,
macduggal.com.
NECKLACE
Swarovski, \$125,
Swarovski
boutiques.
BRACELET
Swarovski, \$89,
Swarovski
boutiques.
HEELS Isa
Tapia, \$395,
isatapia.com.



her perfect prom

playlist

1. "Cool Girl"

BY TOVE LO

2. "Telepathy"

BY CHRISTINA AGUILERA

3. "Needed Me"

BY RIHANNA

4. "Sorry"

BY BEYONCÉ

5. "Don't You (Forget About Me)"

BY SIMPLE MINDS

DRESS Jovani, \$750,
edressme.com



steal her style


eye spy

"My favorite makeup trend is experimenting with lots of colors on the eyes. I think that's a cool thing that's happening right now, and different colors can bring out your eyes even more and help you step up your look. I just tried hot pink the other night, and then I did purple and glitter on my eyebrows—it was really fun!"

PROM HAIR DON'T CARE

"Think about your hair as a way to top off your look. You could wear a super-classic dress and do space buns. Or you could wear something simple and have glam flowing locks. Something I've been wanting to try for a while is fake bangs because I feel like it's such an easy, nonpermanent way to change up your look. Remember, this is your night to try something new and different."

BEST FOOT FORWARD

 "When I was 12, I got my first pair of heels at an H&M in Toronto. They were strappy wedges and I wore them forever. The beauty of wedges and platforms is that they're the most comfortable shoes, no matter how high they are. I'm actually pretty good at walking in heels (yes, I've fallen down at least a few times) but most of the time, I'll just end up taking off my shoes and running around without them."


mani must

"I do French manicures a lot—I feel like they go with everything. I also really like metallic nails. There's bound to be sparkles or something interesting about your prom dress, so that would be a fun combo."

A+ accessory

"I would go for a statement choker—it makes a look more modern. Plus, it's something you can do in a lot of different ways, whether it's by wearing a piece of lace or ribbon and making it elegant, or choosing something a little bit edgy and punking up your look."

GOWN GOALS

 "My dream prom dress would be like Taylor Swift's gown from the 'Love Story' music video—something that is either very lacy or has a lot of texture to it and looks like it's from a fairy tale. I would wear a corset for prom because I feel like it's the one night where you can do that. Or I would do something abstract, like from Rodarte. In general, I like to wear longer dresses because I'm short, so I can put on a pair of heels underneath and people are like, 'Did you grow?'"



 **DRESS:** Rachel Allan, \$298, Geno's Formal Affair boutiques. **RINGS:** (right hand) ALDO, \$22 for set of three, aldoshoes.com; (left hand) Kasané, \$150, kasanejewellery.com.

HAIR: John D at Forward Artists using Tresemmé. **MAKEUP:** Allan Avendaño using Dior Dreamskin at Starworks Artists. **MANICURE:** Christina Aviles at Opus Beauty using Dior Vernis.