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Six women demonstrate why the decade they've reached doesn't tell the whole story about their style.



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JUDY KLING

The decorator dresses up her minimal daily uniform with major accessories.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Kling's look could never be described as granny. Burberry Prorsum tweed jacket, \$2,030; Anne Fontaine shirt, \$195.

everyday essentials



Valentino jacket with fox collar, \$995; Gretta Luxe, Boston.



Tod's flats, \$375; (800) 457-TODS

Seaman Schepps 18K-gold-link bracelet; Seaman Schepps, NYC.

Goyard wood-handle bag, \$2,800; Barneys New York.

home decor



Lilac flowers from LMD Floral Events Interiors; lmdfloral.com.



Creil and Montereau vintage-creamware dessert dish; bardilh.com.

Hermès Tommy Hock glass by Saint Louis; (800) 238-5522.



Sharyn Blaud Linens hand-embroidered towels; (888) 811-7276.

Why is it that a 22-year-old craves a classically tailored tweed jacket [courtesy of Juicy Couture]? Or that a 56-year-old loves nothing more than to add a fledgling designer to her wardrobe every season [most recently, Giles and 6267]? As the women featured here ably show, when it comes to personal style [and lifestyle], the numbers don't need to add up anymore; each takes a confident, inspired, cross-generational approach to how she lives and dresses. Like Judy Kling (above, at home in Philadelphia with her grandchildren), who, closet wise, lives by the maxim "Seize the day"; lately, Kling has been busy seizing everything from Dead Sexy cords to a groovy Goyard bag. For more, see the Checklist, page 300.