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Melanie Charlton Fascitelli grew up in many places: Manhattan, Palm Beach, Denver, the Caribbean, even a ranch in Georgia. A lifetime of traveling between several homes led Melanie to understand the need for the right clothes-and to develop the know-how for finding them wherever she happened to be. As a hobby, Melanie began to dress her mother, her brothers and whoever else would let her. In fact, her style-conscious father, a fellow shopaholic, was the lone hold-out. Upon her return to New York to attend NYU, that hobby quickly turned into an infatuation.

Today, Melanie's distinct fashion sense and skills at working one-on-one to help others achieve their ideal style, whether in their wardrobes or their closets, have been channeled into [Clos-ette](#). Since the founding of Clos-ette in the spring of 2002, Melanie has designed a line of storage solution products called Clos-ette Too..., written the ultimate closet guide book entitled "Shop Your Closet: The Ultimate Guide to Organizing Your Closet With Style", and transformed countless dressing room spaces around the world. Melanie and the Clos-ette Team continue to expand Clos-ette through their evolving product line, an array of media opportunities including a television show, and by sticking to what they do best – working inside the closet. Clos-ette is a reflection of Melanie's personal style and taste, both of which are brought to the craftsmanship and attention to detail of everything Clos-ette offers. The Clos-ette team boasts not only Melanie, but some of the most experienced stylists, millwork detail designers and inventory specialists in the business.

Who is in your style hall of fame? Grace Kelly, Jennifer Aniston, Michelle Pfeiffer, Ava Gardner, Julianna Margulies (who is also a client). I like classic, strong, sexy women who know how to dress like women.

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What are the 3 style must-haves you...must have? A great pair of skinny jeans, a great blazer and a fabulous pair of platform stilettos.

Describe a regular day of work in one sentence. For me, I start my day with an hour of exercise, then shower, change and head for meeting clients, taking calls, reviewing designs and inventories for clients with my staff, working on press engagements and our new product line packaging and internet shopping. Lastly (and most importantly), I try to feed my son breakfast and/or dinner before meeting friends out at a new yummy place anywhere in Manhattan-- I am a HUGE foodie!

What are the best (and worst) parts of your job? My clients, and my clients!

What is your favorite city in the world? Why? NYC baby! If you've ever visited or lived here it's pretty easy to see why- it is *the* city! Otherwise I'd live on the beach.

What was the last piece of clothing or accessory you bought? Oh god, I am a major internet shopper, I just bought an etro scarf alexander wang boucle head cover today!

Name one thing most people don't know about you (until now). I exercise to eat. I love food, I wish had control like many of my friends, I try to stay away from non-organic and lots of carbs, but I fail, everyday! I believe in moderation...it may not get me rail skinny, but it keeps me healthy, fit and VERY happy.

Who is your favorite "it" girl right now? I love Blake Lively right now. She is aspirational, pretty and the skinny yet athletic and girl next door! And she dresses totally chic and wears color all the time, which I love. Jessica Biel also has the just plain prettiest face and shape! She really wears red carpet like it's nobody's business but she also just so good in her workout gear-- I guess I am attracted to the high fashion/low fashion thing. I like someone who can get decked out as well as sport their Nike and ponytail with style! And last but not least, my friend Angelique Soave, co-owner and designer of [Decades Denim](#). She just epitomizes the phrase "best dressed" and is a true beacon of style!

What piece of advice do you have for those thinking about pursuing a creative dream? Any dream is achievable, but always remember that success is all about hard work. Einstein said it, and some old adages remain true: it's 90 percent perspiration and 10 percent aspiration!

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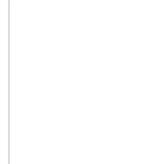
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