

KATE MARA

is copping to an addiction. No need to alert TMZ though. Turns out, this young actress's indulgence of choice is shoes. "They're an easy thing to collect," she says, referencing the 50-plus pairs she has stowed away in her closet. "Especially since I've had the same shoe size since I was 15—I haven't grown at all since then!"

For the record, Kate, 27, is 5'2". But despite her petite stature, the girl packs a big presence. Just look at her acting résumé. She's had memorable roles on television shows such as *Entourage* and *24*, as well as in movies like *Brokeback Mountain* (she played Heath Ledger's daughter) and *We Are Marshall*. Now she's appearing as an FBI agent opposite Robert Downey Jr. in *Iron Man 2*.

It was work that led the Bedford, New York, native to Los Angeles six years ago. Although she'll always have ties to the East Coast (Kate's family co-owns the New York Giants, and she often spends summer weekends on Cape Cod), these days she's all about the healthy California lifestyle. When she's not filming, she can be found running the Santa Monica stairs or going on hikes with her Boston terriers, Bruno and Lucious. "That's one of the things I love about L.A.," she says. "There are so many things to do outdoors, and it's easier to work out when you're enjoying nature." Kate has also adopted new fashion sensibilities. Two of her warm-weather staples: sundresses and flat sandals in a skin tone that elongates the leg.

Still, no matter what she's wearing, Kate sticks to two rules: "I choose clothes based on whether or not they go well with my red hair!" she says, laughing. "I've also learned to experiment but follow my instincts. It's important to feel like yourself and not dress for other people. Personal style is about feeling unique."

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