

# Cynthia Bailey, Better with Time

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**L**ike the finest of wines, Cynthia Bailey just gets better and better. At five feet, 10 inches tall, the beauty turned businesswoman is as stunning now as she was 25 years ago in her NYC modeling days. With a bone structure nothing short of perfection and a pensive stare, it's quite obvious why Wilhelmina Models — one of the world's most renowned agencies — signed Bailey to a five-year contract at the dawn of her career.

Nowadays, Cynthia has turned her beauty into a platform, launching her own business endeavors and helping model hopefuls. We get to see Cynthia in motion on Bravo's *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*, taking on the roles of wife, mom, model *and* head chick in charge of The Bailey Agency School of Fashion. The Bailey Agency offers "comprehensive training and knowledge necessary to pursue a variety of careers in the fashion industry." Because of the years of experience she has under her belt, students at The Bailey Agency get priceless pointers and one-on-one guidance from Cynthia and her team.





In our photo shoot, Cynthia shows the world she's still got it! With retro-glam hair reminiscent of the stellar '60s, Cynthia wears a sleeveless knee-length crochet dress that skims her sensational shape. Crochet is a popular trend that's been around since the beginning of fab fashion. Here, the dark robin's-egg blue and chocolate-brown color palette and top-to-bottom buttons give a vintage-mod flair. Simple gold hoops and a chain bracelet prove that less is more, while animal print pumps say it's okay to show your wild streak... in moderation, of course!

Cynthia wears:  
Missoni dress, leopard pony hair Gucci mary janes, Givenchy gold hoops, Alexis Bittar gold bracelets.

**TBW Picks:** Follow Cynthia's lead and add a little crochet to your life!

Step out in this sleeveless Vero Moda Charlotte midi dress with back crochet detail, [getthelabel.com](http://getthelabel.com), \$23.35.



Take it back in the Topshop large hoop earrings, [topshop.com](http://topshop.com), \$20.



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