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The Little Black Dress: An Obsessive, Comprehensive Guide

As the festive season approaches, here's everything you need to know about the storied and nearly foolproof evening essential. Plus: Insights into the LBD's fraught relationship with Holly Golightly's cat—and how it compares to LBJ



Timothy Lloyd Pope, an adviser to private clients on their wardrobes via his New York firm TLP Consulting, believes the LBD's innate restraint is its hallmark. “The little black dress is a projection of elegance,” he said. “It shows that one respects what is happening.”



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