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dixie chicks

The Dixie Chicks have come a long way since their days playing for

peanuts on a Dallas street in cowgirl getups. After selling more than five million copies of *Wide Open Spaces* and nabbing two Grammys, the Chicks today play their three-part country, bluegrass and blues harmonies for crowds of 80,000. And they've traded in the frills for a new take on fashion: bold, bright and bodacious. Their new album, *Fly*, is set for late August.

FASHION SENSE: Capri pants and tight, body-hugging tops, especially tanks and shrugs, are typically Chick. "We love things with stones, things that sparkle," says lead singer and guitarist Natalie Maines, 24. "And those huge hip-hop pants are cool," says Martie Seidel, 29, fiddle and mandolin player. The trio's flirtatious appearance flies in the face of old-time country's froufrou costumes. "We all like fashion—and things you can mix and match—because we share so much," says banjo player Emily Robison, 26. Their colorful duds are usually snatched from the racks of Todd Oldham, Cynthia Rowley, Anna Sui and Vivienne Tam. For shoes, all three wear mary janes (from furry to sil-

ver lamé), and chunky sneakers are also a staple. **FITNESS REGIMEN:** Sitting for long stretches on a tour bus tests the Dixie Chicks' shapely figures, so they all try to work out regularly. Martie travels with an elastic exercise band, Emily runs, and Natalie is addicted to the treadmill.

MAKEUP: Self-proclaimed "girlie-girls," they love experimenting with makeup. "We're trying to show up from the stage, so we do a lot of glitter around the eyes, and extreme hair," says Martie.

MUSICAL MUST-HAVES: Lauryn Hill, Sheryl Crow and Emmylou Harris. —reported by Honor Brodie, Monica Corcoran, Robin Sayers, Heidi Sherman



Urban Decay Road Stripe, Hard Candy Tramp lipstick



Guess pink bandeau top and denim capri pants



Bra-strap headbands by Frou



Steve Madden pink patent-leather platform shoes