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COVER

Photographed By: Michael Wesley, polarizedstudios.com | @polarizedstudios

Model: Candice Patton, @candicepatton

Location: La Serena Villas, 339 S Belardo Rd, Palm Springs, CA 92262
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Kimono & Pants Provided By: Reuben Avenue, www.reubenavenue.com

Glasses Provided By: Quay Australia, www.quayaustralia.com

Jewelry Provided By: ReStyLED Vintage, www.shoprestyled.com

Shoes Provided By: Charles David, www.charlesdavid.com

Walking onto the property of La Serena Villas, it was easy to see how the boutique hotel lives up to its name. The cloudy morning sky left a perfectly still blue-gray reflection in the hotel pool, and the only things moving along the clean, white walls of the villas were the occasional breeze-blown leaves or fluttering shadows cast by the painted lady butterfly migration.

This tranquil atmosphere set the tone for what was happening inside one of the villas: Candice Patton was prepping for her photoshoot. No stranger to the buzz of a production team, Patton sat peacefully in her chair as Makeup Artist Crystal Tran and Hair Stylist Lauren Clark got the already-stunning Patton camera-ready.

"The moodboard [for the photoshoot] was really glowy, a little bit whimsical and just a gorgeous, Palm Springs-y vibe," Tran explained. "Candice has got really beautiful skin, so I tried to do something clean with a little bit of a smokey eye [and] some sparkles on it. Then I got a lip that accentuated her natural lip color. She's so gorgeous that it really doesn't take much!"

After unwrapping Patton's hair from her curling iron to get into

wardrobe, Clark noted that the look she was going for with Patton's hair was a beautiful, soft, textured wave. "She's so nice," Clark said. "So easy to work with and really personable!"

Moving onto wardrobe, all anyone could see in the master bedroom-turned-dressing room was an incredible selection of lovely pastel pantsuits and an array of to-die-for accessories. "I tried to go with everything that Palm Springs is: bright and colorful. I researched the hotel, so that helped with color—we're sticking to cooler tones but we might be doing a little lavender at the end," Wardrobe Stylist Teresita Madrigal disclosed. "Big earrings, bright colors and anything to make her beautiful skin pop."

With the stunning backdrop of La Serena Villas and a dazzling subject before him, Photographer Michael Wesley had plenty of inspiration to work with. Expertly posing, it was no surprise that Patton was comfortable in front of the camera, knowing when exactly to smize or to flash a Mona Lisa smile. From super suit to power suit, Patton's cover-ready transformation was as seamless as it was beautiful—no superpowers necessary! ■

THE TEAM



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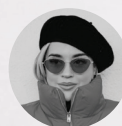
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