

Lilya cami, XS-L, \$189, and jacket, XS-L, \$399. Finders Keepers pants, XXS-L, \$139. By Charlotte necklaces, from \$189 each (worn throughout). Other jewellery, Elsa's own (worn throughout).

Elsa in bloom

She might be married to heart-throb Chris Hemsworth, but Elsa Pataky is a star in her own right and perhaps the world's most glamorous 40-year-old, says **Sheree Mutton**.

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HAIR BY BRAD MULLINS. MAKE-UP BY SARAH TAMMER, FLORA. DESIGN BY MYRA PEREZ AT MY VIOLET. THESE IMAGES HAVE BEEN RETOUCHED.



H&M dress, XXS-XXL,
\$54.99. Baum Und
Pferdgarten knit, XS-XL,
\$419, (03) 9429 3412.
Isabelle Quinn belt,
XS-M, \$110.



Zara knit, XS-L, \$39.95.
Country Road cami,
XXS-XL, \$139. Denise
Cronan shorts, made
to order, \$250, 0481
330 981.



Morrison mini dress,
0-4, \$399. By Charlotte
cuffs (on Elsa's left
wrist), from \$169 each.



Zara dress, XS-XL,
\$239. Elliatt corset,
XS-XL, \$44.95.



Spell & The Gypsy Collective, XXS-XXL, \$169, and skirt, XXS-XXL, \$199.

Natural-born beauty

Spanish-born Elsa Pataky, 40, is a natural in front of the camera. Curled up in a corner with a lush arrangement of fresh flowers behind her, the petite actress tousles her blonde locks to one side and smiles at the photographer.

The striking mother of three - to India, five, and twins Tristan and Sasha, three - is the ambassador for L'Oréal Paris' Botanicals Fresh Care haircare range. It's a match made in heaven for the global brand and Elsa, who says she is conscious

of using natural products and schooling her children about the importance of being environmentally friendly.

"I love the scents. All of the botanical ingredients are sustainably grown and the packaging is recyclable," she says. "I want to teach my kids to take care of the planet."

As she browses through the racks of floaty bohemian prints and soft hand-crochet pieces at *The Weekly's* photo shoot, the star cites similarities between the garments and the ethereal

caftans and maxi dresses worn by the locals in Byron Bay. It's the place she feels most at home. The star and her husband, Chris Hemsworth, traded Hollywood in for a more peaceful lifestyle on the outskirts of the northern NSW coastal town in 2014.

"The energy of [Byron Bay] is amazing," she says. "It gives you a relaxed style of life. Nobody has a clock. You're not running around. It doesn't matter if you're late to something. And there's nature all around - it's all green." **AWW**



Hansen & Gretel dress, 0-4, \$399.

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