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VAIN MEN FAIL CAPRICE TEST

TV3 babe likes plain guys

SEXY US lingerie model Caprice has given Irish guys some hot lips on how to get into her designer knickers — don't scrub up.

The blonde (and very single) beauty has just returned to our shores to appear as a judge on new TV3 fashion show Style Wars.

And the busy 38-year-old will be putting our aspiring fashionistas through their paces after signing up for the small-screen gig.

TV3 is over the moon after nabbing the US babe to front the forthcoming programme, which they hope will rival RTE's OH The Balls.

AWear designer Peter O'Brien has also come on board as a judge, as has Angela Woods of NCAD.

But the single supermodel, who is looking for love, is not interested in stylish men and prefers plain-sailing romances.

Vain

"With guys you just have to keep it simple," she told Scandal.

"Honestly, that is my thing. I like the jeans and the T-shirt and just keeping it on the down-low.

"For me and guys, you want the personality to stand out and not the clothes. It is not about dressing in Prada, that doesn't interest me.

"Nothing is worse than a vain man. I am vain enough and you can't

have two vain people in a relationship."

The top model jetted into Dublin this morning for a press call at the Dylan hotel where she was officially unveiled as the main judge of the programme, which is due to air on June 1.

Caprice began life as an underwear model — featuring on the covers of publications such as Sports Illustrated, before branching out in 2006 to design her own skimpy range called By Caprice.

But she told Scandal that her undies empire almost unraveled due to the recession.

"I had a rough year during the recession," she said.

"People cut their buys and I got really hurt by the exchange rate because I didn't do any forward buys.

Money

"But look, I just went from modelling to business so it was a bit of a learning curve.

"And it made me step up to the plate because if you don't step up to the plate and change your business plan then you will lose money.

"And it is my own money and I put in €200,000 just to open the business."

"That's mine and for three years I didn't make profit and I just kept feeding the business."

"Just when it looked like I was going to turn a profit bang, the recession came along and I thought I was going to lose it all," Caprice, full name Caprice Bourret, explained.

"But I have turned it around now and I am learning as I go along."



SINGLE: Caprice is to be judge on new TV3 show Style Wars