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## **Crazy in glove:** Creepy '80s fad returns -- and we're not happy

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It's on the cusp of becoming a trend: All summer long, starlets in designer finery have been polishing their look with -- gulp -- fingerless gloves.

Paris Hilton has been photographed on multiple occasions wearing a lacy fingerless glove, reminiscent of the 1980s Michael Jackson "Beat It" throwback or Madonna's "Holiday" looks (right). Also wearing them: Lindsay Lohan, Hilary Duff, Kelly Clarkson. And even Beyonce Knowles, who's less likely to follow the latest fad than other young Hollywood celebs, has been wearing blinged-up ones.

Hilton has a different, freaky version of the glove in white; it covers the fingers and ends at the knuckles.

Rachel Weingarten, president of the fashion consulting concern GTK Marketing Group, calls the fad "creepy -- it's like 'Phantom of the Opera.' "

One possible reason behind the gloves: Some vain stars may want to just hide their hands because they don't like them. What's even less desirable? Those gloves, she insists. "That's going to fade very quickly because it's unattractive."

Teresa Gay, a San Francisco stylist and image consultant, agrees. If nothing else, she points out, '80s girls are in their 30s and 40s now and have long memories. "Just as the half-gloves were a fad back then, they are so now because you're not going to see a gal who went through the '80s caught dead wearing them now," Gay says.

Can we nip this thing in the bud?

"It's more a fad that we pray doesn't turn into a trend," Gay says. "If you start seeing the half-gloves on Nicole Kidman or Jennifer Aniston [or for that matter, your mom], then you have a trend."

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