

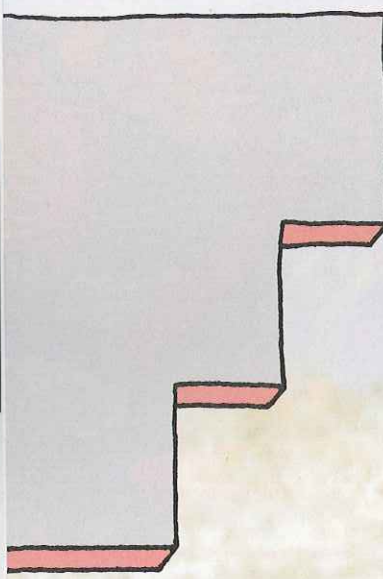
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ALEXIS KRAUSS MAY don an '80s denim jacket and good-girl-gone-bad school uniforms in the Sleigh Bells videos "Infinity Guitars" and "Rill Rill," but for this *NYLON* photo shoot, the singer went more feminine than usual. "Even though it was different, I loved it," she says on the phone from New Mexico, a few days after the duo's killer Coachella performance. "We had some badass high-heeled shoes, and I just felt really fierce." The Brooklyn local says that the band's songs, which juxtapose singsong melodies

with rumbling guitars and chaotic percussion, often influence their look. "We wear black Ray-Bans and dress in dark colors," she says. "But when we're onstage we also want to look fun in the sense that we want people to come to our shows and channel our energy." Inspired by eccentric, eclectic dressers such as Karen O and Cyndi Lauper ("I like her style better than Madonna's"), and movies like *The Breakfast Club*, Krauss is all about giving preppy style a Sleigh Bells update. "We definitely reference John Hughes films with our varsity jackets and cheerleading outfits," she says. "But then we twist those wholesome images into something darker and more perverted." LIZA DARWIN

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