

# CHOOSE YOUR PATTERNS

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Do the clothes you make actually "FIT" when you have finished with them? If not, perhaps you need to take a good look at your figure and buy a pattern that is right for you.

Pattern companies are giving much consideration to the figure type. Figure type is determined by girth and height of the body. The new set of pattern measurements is designed to take care of all figure types. There may be a slight change in the alteration you will make in fitting the new patterns.

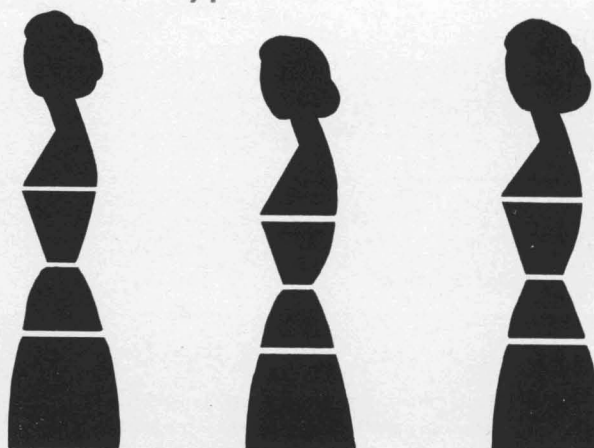
## Select the Correct Pattern Type

*You will cut down on alterations if you choose your pattern from the figure type most like your own.*

**MISSES AND WOMENS** sizes are proportioned for the majority of women and provide the longest bodice length.

**HALF** sizes are proportioned for the shorter and fuller waisted figure.

**JUNIOR** sizes are proportioned for the more youthful figure with a higher bustline.



## Select the Correct Pattern Size

Use your bust measure as the first key in deciding the size pattern you should buy. If the hips are large in proportion to the bust, it is better to buy a pattern according to the bust measure. Usually the skirt is easier to alter than the bodice.

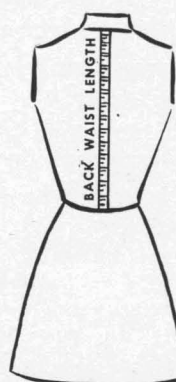
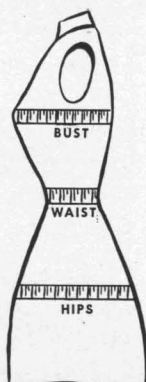
### Take These Measurements

**BUST**—Around the fullest part, snug, but not tight

**WAIST**—At the natural waistline

**HIPS**—Around the body about 7 inches below the waistline

**BACK WAIST LENGTH**—From the prominent bone at the neck base to the waistline



My measurements

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Write down your measurements and then compare them with the standard measurement chart below. Check the pattern size and type nearest your own size and figure type.

<i>Standard Measurement Chart</i>						
<b>MISSES SIZES</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Bust</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Waist</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Hip</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Back waist length</b>	<b>15<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></b>	<b>16<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>16<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></b>	<b>17</b>
<b>WOMEN'S SIZES</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Bust</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Waist</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Hip</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Back waist length</b>	<b>17<math>\frac{1}{8}</math></b>	<b>17<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></b>	<b>17<math>\frac{3}{8}</math></b>	<b>17<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>17<math>\frac{5}{8}</math></b>	<b>17<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></b>
<b>HALF SIZES</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>12<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>14<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>16<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>18<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>20<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>22<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>
<b>Bust</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Waist</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>
<b>Hip</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Back waist length</b>	<b>15<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></b>	<b>15<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>15<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></b>	<b>16<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>
<b>JUNIOR MISSES' SIZES</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>Bust</b>	<b>30<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>31<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	
<b>Waist</b>	<b>23<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>24<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>25<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	
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<b>Back waist length</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></b>	<b>15<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>	<b>15<math>\frac{3}{4}</math></b>	<b>16</b>	

## Select the Brand that Fits Your Figure Best

Different companies vary in the way they interpret figure types. Each has developed a pattern shape of its own, while keeping the same basic measurements of the measurement chart. After finding size and type, you may need to experiment with different brands to find the one that fits you best.

## Select the Style that Is Best for Your Figure

Few figures can be described as ideal. Each person should look for designs that make the most of the good points and conceal the defects.

The woman who is large in the bust may choose a pattern with a pleat, dart, tucks or shearing at the shoulderline. A pattern that has either of these features may help in avoiding some fitting difficulties.

If the hips are large in proportion to the bust, consider a pattern that emphasizes the upper part of the figure. Avoid skirts that suggest width or heaviness. A skirt too narrow makes the hips look wider.

The sway-backed person looks well in a style with ease in the back bodice, and boleros. She should avoid princess lines. A princess-type dress is a good choice only for the well-proportioned figure.

A design with several gores in the skirt is helpful if much alteration is needed in the hip area.

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*Few women have the same body proportions that are set up for commercial pattern standards. Therefore, slight-to-major changes in patterns are necessary for many. If you have chosen the CORRECT SIZE, TYPE, MAKE and STYLE PATTERN for your figure, alterations will be minimum.*