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CLOTHING TAGS & TIPS

Check The Fit

Before you buy a garment, look at yourself from the front, back and side in a full-length mirror and check these points:

- ✓ Do the collar and neckline fit comfortably without gapping? Is the neckline neither too low nor too high?
- ✓ Do the shoulder seams of set-in sleeves hit the tip of your shoulder bone?
- ✓ Do armholes have enough ease? Find out by raising, swinging and bending your arms.
- ✓ Do bodice darts aim at the fullest part of the bust?
- ✓ Does sleeve length hit your arm where it should? Do sleeves hang straight and smooth, without wrinkling or twisting?
- ✓ Does the waistline hit your natural waistline, front and back?
- ✓ Elasticized waistbands provide comfort and a greater size range, but limit versatility.
- ✓ In a slim skirt, do darts release at fullest part of your hips?
- ✓ Are side seams of skirt perpendicular to the floor?
- ✓ Does the hipline of a straight skirt fit smoothly with ease? It should not cup under the stomach or buttocks.
- ✓ Does a full skirt (especially bias cut) hang straight with an even hemline?
- ✓ Do pants or slacks have a smooth fit, with no diagonal wrinkles across the abdomen and seat?
- ✓ Do side seams and front pleats

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of pants hang perpendicular to the floor?

✓ Is the crotch of pants high enough to prevent a sagging seat, but low enough for comfort?

✓ Does the garment allow you to move freely? Walk, sit, bend, and reach to test comfort.

✓ Is the length becoming? Can it be shortened or lengthened, and keep its fashionable look?

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