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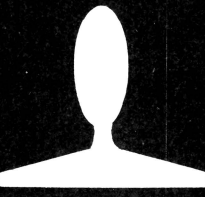
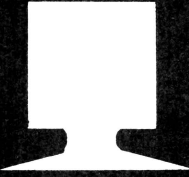

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### General Suggestions For Figure Characteristics

Characteristic	Do	Don't
 <p>Tall (average weight)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizontal lines</li> <li>• Wide belts, yolks and circular trims</li> <li>• Long jackets</li> <li>• Contrasting colors</li> <li>• Large accessories</li> <li>• Bulky fabrics</li> <li>• Medium to large trims</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertical lines</li> <li>• Short jackets</li> <li>• Small jewelry and accessories</li> <li>• Continuous horizontal trims</li> <li>• Tight, full length sleeves</li> <li>• Small patterns</li> <li>• Very large patterns</li> <li>• Tight, straight skirts</li> <li>• Vertical trimming from neck to hem</li> </ul>
 <p>Short (average weight)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertical lines and trimming from neck to hem</li> <li>• Short or full length sleeves</li> <li>• Bolero or short jackets</li> <li>• Empire waists</li> <li>• Delicate trims</li> <li>• Small accessories</li> <li>• Slightly longer hemline</li> <li>• Soft, lightweight fabrics</li> <li>• Matching belts or beltless styles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizontal lines</li> <li>• Long jackets</li> <li>• Elbow length sleeves</li> <li>• Large hats, trimming and accessories</li> <li>• Bulky fabrics</li> <li>• Wide, contrasting belts</li> <li>• Border hems</li> <li>• Lines that break the figure into parts</li> </ul>
 <p>Stout</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertical lines, center panels, buttons down front</li> <li>• Simple designs</li> <li>• Medium weight fabric</li> <li>• Narrow self belts</li> <li>• Medium gored skirts</li> <li>• V-neck lines</li> <li>• Set-in sleeves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizontal and round lines</li> <li>• Round necks</li> <li>• Two piece costumes</li> <li>• Clingy or heavy fabric</li> <li>• Wide panels</li> <li>• All around pleats</li> <li>• Tight or puff sleeves</li> <li>• Very long or short jackets</li> <li>• Wide contrasting belts</li> </ul>



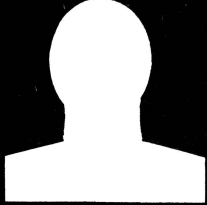




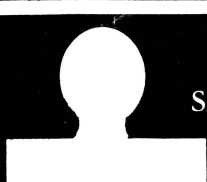
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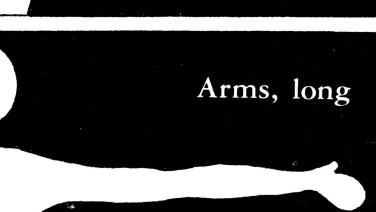
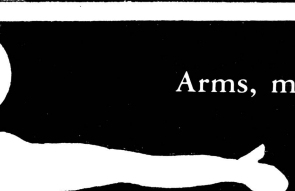
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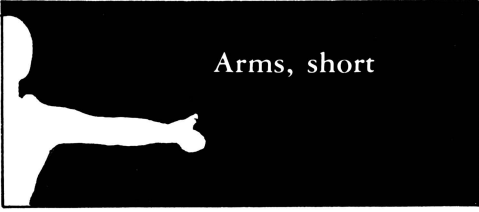
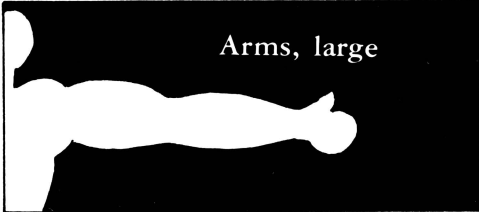
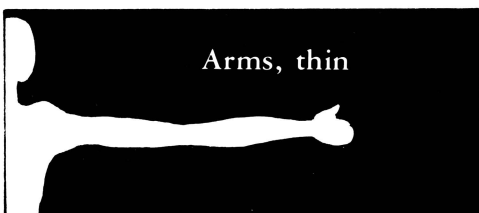
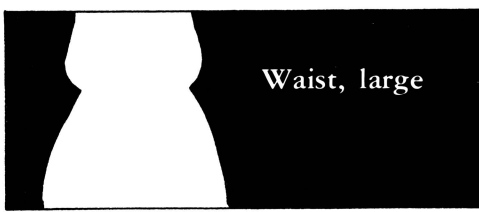
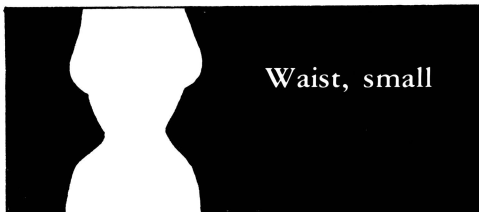
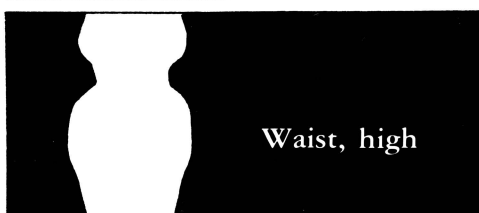
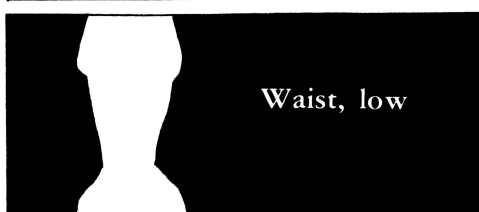
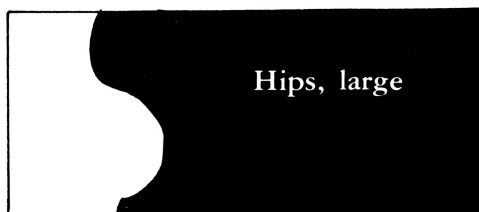
 <p>Thin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Horizontal and curved lines</li> <li>● Two piece costumes</li> <li>● Crisp fabrics</li> <li>● Full skirts</li> <li>● Belts and cummerbunds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vertical lines</li> <li>● Deep v-necklines</li> <li>● Tight and pencil slim clothes</li> <li>● Clinging fabrics</li> <li>● Tight fitting sleeves</li> </ul>
 <p>Legs, long</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Slightly shorter hemline</li> <li>● Borders and tiers</li> <li>● Tunic jackets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Long hemline</li> <li>● Vertical lines</li> <li>● Short jackets</li> <li>● One color costumes</li> </ul>
 <p>Legs, short</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Slightly longer hemline</li> <li>● Vertical lines</li> <li>● Princess and empire lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Short skirts</li> <li>● Borders at hem</li> <li>● Horizontal details below the hips</li> </ul>
 <p>Legs, heavy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Neutral to dark colored hose</li> <li>● Moderately flared skirts</li> <li>● Seamed hose when in style</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencil slim and short skirts</li> <li>● Light colored hose</li> </ul>
 <p>Legs, thin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Light colored hose</li> <li>● Narrow to medium width skirts</li> <li>● Seamless hose when in style</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dark hose</li> <li>● Extremely full skirts</li> </ul>
 <p>Faces, long</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scarves and ascots</li> <li>● Chokers</li> <li>● Turtle necks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● V-necklines</li> <li>● Long necklaces</li> <li>● Dangling earrings</li> </ul>
 <p>Face, square</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Round or v-necklines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Square necklines</li> </ul>
 <p>Face, oval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Most desirable shape</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● You do not have neckline problems</li> </ul>

## Do

## Don't

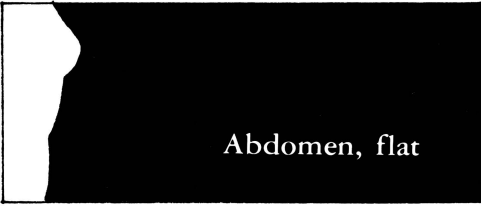
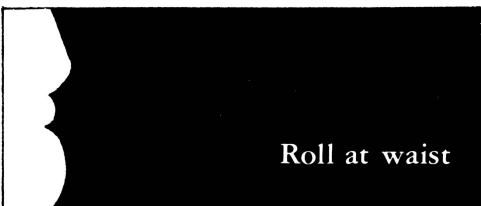
 <p>Face, round</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V-necklines</li> <li>• Long collars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chokers</li> <li>• Round earrings</li> <li>• High round necks</li> </ul>
 <p>Neck, thin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scarves, chokers, ascot ties</li> <li>• High stand-up collars and ruffles</li> <li>• Softly draped necklines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposed necklines</li> <li>• Skimpy waists</li> <li>• Thin, clinging fabric</li> </ul>
 <p>Neck, wide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V-necklines</li> <li>• Wide square necklines</li> <li>• Rounding necklines with no collar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruffles</li> <li>• Chokers</li> <li>• Dainty fabrics and trims</li> <li>• High collars</li> </ul>
 <p>Neck, long</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High collars</li> <li>• Scarves and ascot ties</li> <li>• Square necklines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V-necklines</li> <li>• Long necklaces</li> <li>• Low necklines</li> </ul>
 <p>Neck, short</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picture necklines</li> <li>• Low V-necklines</li> <li>• Brimless hats</li> <li>• Short hair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chokers</li> <li>• Shoulder length hair</li> <li>• Heavy jewelry</li> <li>• Exaggerated shoulders</li> </ul>
 <p>Shoulder, square</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sleeves that fit loosely at armhole</li> <li>• Dolman and cap sleeves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set-in sleeves</li> <li>• Shoulder pads</li> <li>• Halter necklines</li> <li>• Large collars</li> </ul>
 <p>Shoulders, sloping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small pads</li> <li>• Square and V-necklines</li> <li>• Sleeves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sleeveless dresses</li> <li>• Strapless styles</li> <li>• Shoestring straps</li> </ul>
 <p>Shoulders, wide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fit is a greater problem than style</li> <li>• Be sure garment is not too snug</li> <li>• Conventional sleeves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built up shoulder</li> <li>• Leg-o-mutton sleeve</li> </ul>

	Do	Don't
 <p>Shoulders, narrow</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leg-o-mutton sleeves</li> <li>● Yokes across chest</li> <li>● Wide lapels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vertical lines</li> <li>● Small collars</li> <li>● Tight sleeves</li> </ul>
 <p>Bust, large</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Loose fitting waists</li> <li>● Darts or tucks to give fullness bust</li> <li>● Loose coats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fitted coats</li> <li>● Tight armholes</li> <li>● Fussy bows and pockets</li> </ul>
 <p>Bust, medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No problems</li> </ul>	
 <p>Bust, flat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fuffles, lace, pockets</li> <li>● Fullness in waist</li> <li>● Padded bras</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tight, plain waists</li> <li>● Heavy details</li> </ul>
 <p>Bust, low</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wear good uplift bra</li> <li>● Adjust darts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plain waists</li> </ul>
 <p>Bust, high</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adjust darts</li> </ul>	
 <p>Arms, long</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Large cuffs</li> <li>● Below elbow sleeves</li> <li>● Full loose sleeves</li> <li>● Gauntlet gloves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full length, tight sleeves</li> <li>● Sleeveless dresses</li> </ul>
 <p>Arms, medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No problem</li> </ul>	

	Do	Don't
 <p>Arms, short</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sleeveless dresses</li> <li>● Full length sleeves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elbow length sleeves</li> <li>● Contrasting cuffs or bands</li> </ul>
 <p>Arms, large</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Easy fitting full-length or above elbow sleeves</li> <li>● Comfortable armholes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tight sleeves</li> <li>● Puffs or leg-o-mutton sleeves</li> </ul>
 <p>Arms, thin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Puffs, draped and long full sleeves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Long tight sleeves</li> <li>● Sheer fabrics</li> </ul>
 <p>Waist, large</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Panels that narrow at waistline</li> <li>● Partial or inconspicuous belts</li> <li>● Fullness above waistline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencil slim skirts</li> <li>● Wide belts</li> <li>● Skirts and blouses</li> </ul>
 <p>Waist, small</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No problem unless it emphasizes large hips. Fit loosely and avoid tight belts if you have this problem.</li> </ul>	
 <p>Waist, high</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dropped waistline</li> <li>● Beltless clothes</li> <li>● Empire lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contrasting belts at natural line</li> </ul>
 <p>Waist, low</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wide belts</li> <li>● Boleros</li> <li>● Three-quarter length sleeves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Waist detail that ends below waistline</li> <li>● Large pockets in skirt</li> <li>● Contrasting cuffs at wrist</li> </ul>
 <p>Hips, large</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Light tops and darker skirts</li> <li>● Accented shoulders</li> <li>● Fullness above waist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dropped waistlines</li> <li>● Tight skirts</li> <li>● Horizontal detail at hip</li> <li>● Wide, tight belts</li> </ul>

Do

Don't

 <p>Hips, small</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No problem unless figure looks top-heavy. Then wear: full skirts light color on bottom horizontal detail at hips dropped waistline</li> </ul>	
 <p>Hips, round</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No problems</li> </ul>	
 <p>Hips, square</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pegged skirts</li> <li>● Crisp shoulder lines</li> <li>● Wide belts</li> <li>● Long torso lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gathers at waistline</li> </ul>
 <p>Hips, triangular</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flared skirts</li> <li>● Accented shoulders</li> <li>● Wide belts</li> <li>● Fullness above belt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hip line jackets</li> <li>● Short coats</li> <li>● Horizontal detail</li> </ul>
 <p>Abdomen, flat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Often has prominent hip bones</li> <li>● Use short, diagonal darts at waistline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Long full darts</li> </ul>
 <p>Abdomen, protruding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jackets ending bulge</li> <li>● Partial belts</li> <li>● Gathers on either side of center front</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tight skirts</li> <li>● Bias skirts</li> <li>● Plain fronts</li> <li>● Short jackets</li> </ul>
 <p>Roll at waist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shifts, unbelted</li> <li>● Over blouses</li> <li>● Beltless styles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tight belts</li> <li>● Tight skirts</li> <li>● Details at waistline</li> <li>● Tight blouses</li> </ul>
 <p>Back, sway</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full skirts</li> <li>● Shirt maker styles</li> <li>● Over blouses</li> <li>● Loose fitting styles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bolero jackets</li> <li>● Tight skirts</li> <li>● Tight belts</li> <li>● Plaid skirts</li> </ul>

Suggestions are general and must be adapted to individual combinations of characteristics.



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