

# Fashion Tips

## How To Look Tops In Skirts

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(NAPSA)—A skirt is one of the most feminine wardrobe pieces in a woman's closet, and a great way to show off shapely legs.

There are many shapes and silhouettes out there, some very curvy-flattering.



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Pleated skirts can be hard to wear unless you know the key: Be sure the pleats are narrow or well balanced. If you're curvy, skip skirts with pleats starting at the waist in favor of pleats that flare from a

dropped waist.

The pencil skirt is sophisticated and sexy and works for nearly all body types. Pencil skirts look best when they hit right below the knees (though they can go to about midcalf as well) and they should gently hug your curves, though not to the point of resembling sausage casing. Cinch the skirt with a great wide belt, pair it with your hottest peep-toe pumps and watch your curves reign supreme.

You'll be a bit more avant-garde with an asymmetrical or angled skirt. Its uneven layers and varied length trick the eye of the beholder into lengthening your look. The best of these skirts graze your calves. Slip on one of these skirts, don your bangle bracelets, bold belts and sexy wedge sandals and you can be super chic.

Try a flounce skirt (in essence, a pencil skirt with a ruffled hem) for an extra-feminine touch. Flounce skirts frame your knees in a very soft way that works well for most body types, even if you



**Not to skirt the issue, but style is more important than size when it comes to looking sensational.**

have full hips or a large bottom. This delicate skirt looks great in stretch linen, polished cotton and tropical wools, pairing beautifully with simple stilettos. Flounce skirts should fit gently, not tightly. Everyone will know the lady has arrived when you enter a room in this flirty option.

The timeless long skirt is never outdone. Popular variations include straight versions, long skirts with slits and long trumpet skirts. A long, straight skirt is a reliable silhouette for most body shapes and screams sophistication when paired with beautiful jeweled slides or kitten-heel mules. The slit skirt has a subtle sexiness and the trumpet skirt produces an engaging hourglass look, especially if you're larger in the waist or bust.

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