



BOYISH

Tips for columns

If you have a boyish figure like Kirsten Dunst, add volume to your bust and hips with ruffles and layers. Dresses that flare out will also add shape to more athletic bodies, as will a belt added to cinch the waist. Capped sleeves feminise broader shoulders and below-the-knee hemlines hide knobby knees.

- 1 Layered, \$119.99, (8-16) Farmers.
- 2 Ruffled, \$79.90, (8-16) Staxs.
- 3 Cap sleeves, \$169, (8-16) Sable & Minx.
- 4 Scoop neck, \$330, (XS-XL) Augustine.

BUYING THE PERFECT LITTLE BLACK DRESS

TIPS TO REMEMBER

Choose a dress that flatters your shape. Instead of covering up what you dislike, focus on enhancing what you do like. Make sure you are comfortable in the dress you choose. Don't buy a style of dress just because it's 'in fashion'. How you feel in your outfit will affect your overall look - a confident, comfortable woman looks stunning.

YOUR ASSETS

The main aim of the little black dress is to gain positive attention. Therefore, choose a dress that flaunts your assets. For example, if you have long legs, a shorter dress will look great on you. In the same way, if your back is an asset, opt for a backless-style dress. Most retail sales staff are trained, so make use of them in ensuring you get the best fit and style.

HIGHLIGHT ONE AREA

Use your LBD to show off one part of your body while concealing other areas, and go for simplicity. For example, if you want to display your shoulders, then opt for a halter neck-style plain dress which covers the chest area and comes below the knees, concealing the thighs.

OCCASIONS

Think about the places, events and functions you'll be wearing your LBD to. If you plan to wear it to casual parties, you can go for strappy or off-the-shoulder styles. A sleeveless, knee-length dress is a good option for an office party. If it's intended for day-to-day workwear, a below-the-knee dress with capped sleeves is ideal. A flat pair of shoes will make your look more casual.