# Find Your Perfect SWIMSUIT!

Follow these steps to choose hot styles and colors that will look great on your body

# Shop Your Shape!

The foolproof trick to buying a flattering suit: Look for specific features that suit your body type. Colors, prints, ruffles and embellishments can enhance, play down or balance proportions

#### IF YOU'RE CURVY OR BUSTY.

Go for... Support and coverage. Halter styles, medium to thick straps, and underwire cups all work, says Sara Rogers, a trend specialist for Mall of America. Solid-colored one-pieces in

sturdy fabrics streamline you. Avoid ... Any suit that's flimsy or very small-it won't have the structure you need, says Rogers. Skimpy triangle tops won't work well either.



The top gives plenty of coverage but still looks sleek

Swim by Arden B Nylo spandex bikini top, \$39, and bottom, \$29: ardenb.com

gold rings play up hips

superstructured so it stays up

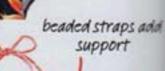
Ruching and a vertical ruffle slim and elongate you

> Miraclesuit "Camilla" nylon-Lycra suit, \$156; lordandtaylor .com



An all-over print with a darker background minimizes

Freya "Calypso" Bandless Halter Top" in nylonpolyamide blend \$56, and "Classic Brief, \$40: bestswimwear.com



The hidden underwire fits up to a DDD cup

Shoshanna

Bamboo Stripe Bead Bandeau" m nylon-Lycra, \$14E and Bead Brief \$114: Olive and Bettes. 212-579-2178

#### **PLAY UP YOUR SHAPE**

### Get Your Best Fit!

Once you're in the dressing room, do these quick checks to make sure you get the right suit for you

Start by trying on suits in several sizes: "Swimsuits tend to run one size above your dress size," notes Rogers. "Be sure to sit down, stretch and move around in the suit. That way, you can tell if it's going to ride up on you when you're on-the-go."

#### SHOULDERS

Even if the suit's strapless, raise and lower your arms to make sure the top stays put

> BUST After the top's on, lean forward and adjust your

> > SIDES Watch out for skin spilling over-a sign





Look for a snug but not tight feel

BACK

BUTT Wrinkles or sagging mean the bottom's too big

## Trya Universally Flattering Color!

Shop

These Sites!

These online resources

make it easy to find a suit that's ideal for your figure

Fx4boutique.com

Browse a wide range of suits from

more than 40 American and

international designers, all organized

by body type.

\*Theorchidboutique.com This

site has hundreds of suits from trendy

designers like Badgley Mischka, with

plenty of plus-size options. Check out

videos of models in each style so you

can really see how it fits.

Swimoutlet.com You'll find a

major selection of brands discounted

up to 50 percent off-and the site

price matches! Also great: You can

chat with a fit pro for instant guidance.

Many women think black is the most slimming shade, but deep hues like amethyst, navy, and chocolate brown are just as shape-flattering-and they complementall skin tones too

Cameron

nylon-spande

suit, \$275; Richal

305-758-758

MORE

COLORS!

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About These

Styles! Monokinis and barely-there string bikinis are two of the trickiest styles to pull off. Sure, celebs will go there, but with so many other choices in stores, proceed

Think Twice





For more figure-flattering tips, go to PeopleStyleWatch.com

with caution!



An underwire

gives stylish

support, and the

simple bottom

is balancing

Audrina

Patridge