

What Should Pear-Shaped Women Wear?



What style of clothing will minimize large hips with a small upper body, notably called the pear shape?

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You're in luck. The styles that flatter you most are also all over *Vogue*, *Elle* and *W* this season. I speak, of course, of the ever-present, unstoppable wide-leg pant. DKNY makes some elegant ones, but really, you can't swing a Balenciaga purse without hitting a pair of wide-leggers somewhere. You'll find them at every price range, in every texture. Get yourself to the mall and prepare for a long siege.

Here's some advice, though, courtesy of stylist Gili Rashal.

"It's better if the pants are fitted at the top and flare out on the bottom," says Rashal. "People think they're big so they should wear loose pants, but that can make a girl look bigger. Accentuate the positive."

Rashal, founder of The Tip Jar, suggests J Brand, and I agree. The Joplin Palazzo jean may seem steep at \$218, but it also happens to be irresistible.

In the meantime, baby doll blouses, empire-waisted dresses (see famous pear shape Kristin Davis rocking one above)—any top that cinches at the high point of the waist, just under the chest—will bring all the best parts about your unique shape.

"Show off that small figure on top!" Rashal encourages.

Start with designer Rachel Pally, whose entire range happens to flatter almost any figure. (Plus-sized women, rejoice: Pally has adapted her collection in bigger sizes for Nordstrom. So if your pear shape happens to be particularly juicy, all the better.)

Whatever you do, dress fearlessly, and avoid temptations to hide under tent-sized clothes. As they say, real women have curves.

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