

Design a Line

What is your theme? Plus-sized simple elegance

Inspiration: Inspiration for this line is personal experience and chatting with larger women and listening to their complaints about clothing in the stores. Every complaint resonates in my soul because I am living it. Complaints of poor overall fit because of outdated design and patterning techniques. Everything being covered in busy patterns and frankly just looking frumpy. Excluding certain figure types entirely, especially those where our largest measurement is our waist. Clothes designed to the hourglass figure just aren't flattering on us. ***Large women deserve stylish clothes.*** They deserve simple classic lined clothes that fit and look good at the same time.

Color Scheme Monochromatic

How does this tie into your theme?

This design offers multiple shades of blue that can complement each other and create a visually appealing look from light to dark. This is simple but flattering.

Design details:

The tailored blouse features a scoop neckline with Peter pan collar that flatters the natural angles of a fuller face. Longer cap sleeves are structured but not restrictive on larger arms.

What is unique?

This fitted blouse and flared skirt featured with contrasting patterns – large dots and houndstooth plaid. Not traditionally put together, the large dot pattern is in scale with the larger figure while the houndstooth features a darker more visually prominent color creating more focal weight away from the heavier part of the body.

What is the color scheme and what colors are used to create it?

This is a monochromatic color scheme featuring multiple shades of blue.



Describe the fabric.

Blouse

Soft yet structured cotton fabric ideal for classical tailored shirts such as this design. This fabric is designed for repeated wash and wear in mind. The large, closely placed and muted dots create visual texture without being heavy or intrusive.

Premium Light Blue Circular Dandelions Cotton Shirting

100% Cotton (Mood Fabrics)



Skirt

Soft blended natural fiber fabric with a looser weave creating a houndstooth pattern is breathable. It offers a nice drape while maintaining structure.

Italian Estate and Baby Blue Houndstooth Linen & Wool Suiting

65% linen, 35% wool
(Mood Fabrics)



Why is this fabric appropriate for your design?

Both the cotton shirting and linen-wool blend offer structure that creates clean, classical, and more tailored lines.

The looser weave on the linen-wool blend offers a nice drape without sacrificing the tailored look of the skirt.

The breathable fabrics look good while staying cool.

Structural Lines Vertical

How does this tie into your theme?

This dress is designed to look like a simple t-shirt dress offering a comfortable and fun appearance. The sophisticated fabric makes it perfect for a stroll in the park, a day at the office, or an evening dinner.

Design details:

This V-neck A-line dress features bell sleeves and high open-ended shaping waist darts. The top stitching runs along both sides of the seams making these structural lines more prominent.

What is unique?

The high waist darts create the appearance of an empire waistline and help shape the garment around its natural curves. The soft flowing crepe fabric adds to the drape of the dress. This helps reduce the appearance of excess fullness in the dress to fit the largest measurements on the body.

Which lines are predominant and what effect does that have on the garment?

The most predominant seams, accented by the prominent top stitching create long vertical lines on the garment. This helps elongate the appearance and minimizes fullness of the body.

The high open-ended waist darts create deep flowing visual vertical lines that accentuate the structurally prominent center, back, and side seams.

The V-neck directs the eye down the long center vertical line of the dress.



Describe the fabric.

Dress

Lightweight and soft, this polyester and spandex blend fabric resists wrinkling and offers exaggerated draping capabilities. This is perfect for creating long visual vertical lines as the fabric drapes over the shape of the body. This effect helps elongate the figure. The spandex offers stretch allowing additional ease in the dress.

Theory Aegean Blue Stretch Polyester Crepe de
Chine

82% polyester, 18% spandex
(Mood Fabrics)



Why is this fabric appropriate for your design?

This fabric is appropriate for this design because it offers excellent draping creating a lovely vertical flow. The resistance to wrinkles makes it easy care.

Structural Lines Vertical

How does this tie into your theme?

This dress is a play on the little black dress. The fitted bodice accentuates the figure while the black minimizes the appearance. The stretchable but sturdy fabric features comfortable wearing without sacrificing style.

Design details:

This dress features fitted bodice with a plunge neckline, contrasting collar, and center broach. It has flutter sleeves, roused horizontal band on the drop waistline, and a contrasting floral edge-print flared skirt. Top stitching accentuates the prominent structural lines.

What is unique?

The bodice features structurally shaped upper bodice that accentuates the bustline with double top stitching around the cups it has a roused band at the drop waistline.

Which lines are predominant and what effect does that have on the garment?

The vertical lines are most prominent in this garment. The horizontal line of the hip band breaks the vertical lines, but they remain visually prominent due to the top stitching that creates additional impact of the lines.



Describe the fabric.

Dress bodice, hip band, and sleeves

This fabric is a sturdy cotton fabric with 10% weft stretch. It is soft and offers comfortable wear.

Italian Black Stretch Cotton Sateen

Cotton, Spandex
(Mood Fabrics)

Dress Skirt and Collar

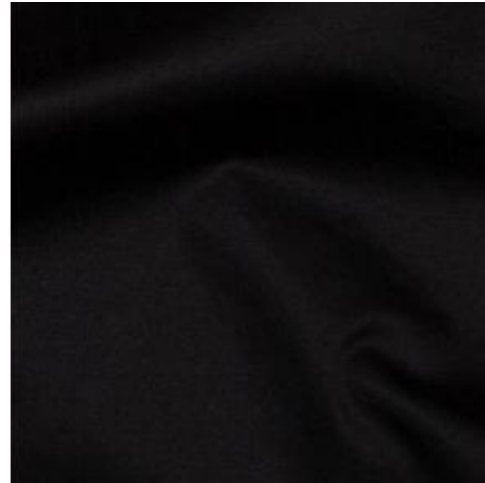
This soft fabric features a floral design on one edge and has a flexible drape making it perfect for flared skirts. It has enough weight to offer flowing movement in the skirt.

Mood Exclusive Persephone's Bouquet White Stretch Cotton Sateen

97% Cotton, 3% Elastane
(Mood Fabrics)

Why is this fabric appropriate for your design?

These fabrics are appropriate for this design because they are sturdy enough for tailored or fitted construction but feature enough stretch to offer additional wearing ease and comfort.



Asymmetrical Balance

How does this tie into your theme?

This wrap blouse and wide legged pants create a simple but clean appearance. It is perfect for office wear or an evening dinner.

Design details:

This wrap top with contrasting trim and ties features an empire waistline and bell sleeves. The basic black pants feature wide legs with gentle drape in the lower leg.

What is unique?

This blouse has an empire waist with open-top darts to help shape around the fullness of the midsection. The back tie is attached opposite the tie creating optimal adjustable fit around the waist and adding to the asymmetrical appearance.

How asymmetrical balance achieved in the garment?

Asymmetrical balance is achieved with the wrap closure and the offset wrap ties.



Describe the fabric.

Blouse

This cotton fabric combined with elastane has a stiff drape ideal for structured and tailored pieces. It is breathable yet resists wrinkles which makes it perfect for office wear.

Mood Exclusive Achromatic Aspirations Stretch
Cotton Sateen

97% cotton, 3% elastane
(Mood Fabrics)

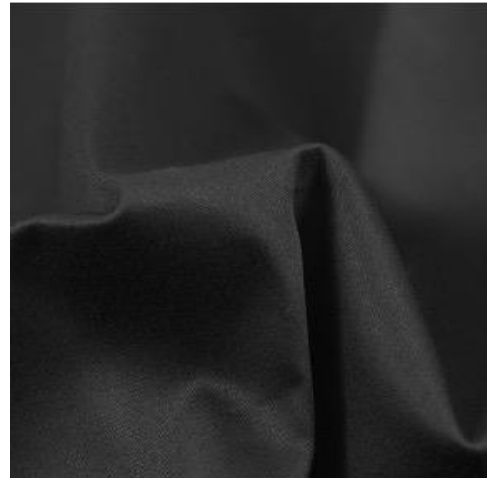


Blouse Trim, Blouse Ties, and Pants

This fabric is a medium weight cotton sateen that has a duller sheen making it perfect for more tailored items. Offering a structured drape, it is perfect for these wide leg pants. The elastane offers additional ease.

Black Stretch Cotton Sateen

98% cotton, 2% elastane
(Mood Fabrics)



Why is this fabric appropriate for your design?

These fabrics are appropriate for this design because they offer structure with a bit of stretch for comfortable wearing. They are breathable making them comfortable for a long day even in the heat. They resist wrinkles making them easy care.

Focal Point

How does this tie into your theme?

This design is a simple yet elegant dress perfect for an evening date or anywhere more formal attire is expected. The deep colors minimize the fuller parts of the body the full-bodied drapes.

Design details:

This silk crepe empire waist dress features a scooped neckline with silk satin faced trims. Gathers under the bust offer fullness and depth. The satin faced waist trim create an asymmetrical balance.

What is unique?

The empire waistline is trimmed in satin faced silk and features layered wraps that create a bow-like appearance. The tripe sashes fall from the bow-like wrap creating the appearance of a bow with long flowing ties.

Where is the focal point?

The focal point is the satin bow-like trim with long structured sashes. The fabric surface and structure contrast the matted crepe surface of the dress.



Describe the fabric.

Dress and Trim

This fabric featured a satin texture on one side and a crepe texture on the other. It offers a perfectly blended surface contrast for dress bodice and trims. The silk is elegant and classic.

Deep Teal Silk Crepe Back Satin
100% silk (Mood Fabrics)

Why is this fabric appropriate for your design?

This fabric is appropriate for this design because it is a beautiful fabric with phenomenal drape for more formal settings.



Rhythm Gradation

How does this tie into your theme?

This design is a simple, but flirty dress. The faux cowl neckline maintains full modesty even on the largest bustlines.

Design details:

This dress features a scoop neckline features a faux cowl neckline that accents the natural curves of the face. Side shaping darts shape the bodice and the dress drapes beautifully over the larger figure. The flutter sleeves off coverage without being restrictive on larger arms. The slightly flared skirt features tiered ruffled layers.

What is unique?

This dress has a scoop neckline to maintain modesty but features a cowl-like collar to add interested and depth. The asymmetrical hipline offers a nice visual transition from bodice to skirt.

What type of rhythm did you illustrate? What effect does it have on the garment?

The texture of the fabric creates a rhythm of repetition with vertical lines created by the crinkled surface. The layers are tiered on the skirt and featured a ruffled hemline. This introduces a progressive gradation rhythm with the change from hip to hemline.



Describe the fabric.

Dress

This semi-sheer fabric is soft with a crinkled texture. The chiffon has a beautiful flowing drape making it perfect for soft drapes over a fuller body.

Denim Blue Silk Crinkled Chiffon
Silk (Mood Fabrics)



Lining

This cotton fabric is a lightweight fabric with enough body to make a structured garment or underlining for a chiffon layer. It is breathable and cool.

Toulouse Denim Mercerized Organic Egyptian Cotton Voile
100% Egyptian Cotton
(Mood Fabrics)



Why is this fabric appropriate for your design?

This fabric is appropriate for this design because of its outstanding draping qualities. The cotton lining provides structure while keeping the dress lightweight and cool even with the tiered layers.

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