

Design Lines in Clothing

How a clothing designer uses lines and color in clothing can make a model appear taller and thinner or shorter and heavier.

Help Oriana choose an outfit that will make her look taller and thinner.

Rank these outfits from best to worst.

1. Ankle length black jumper with slit, partial decorative belt at waist, striped knit top
2. White blouse with $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves, used as a cardigan that goes to the high hip, paired with a denim blue, ankle length skirt with decorative bands from waist to hem
3. Black, full-length dress with empire waist and gently shirred bodice
4. Gray, two piece outfit consisting of a fitted gray top that goes to the high hip over a full-length gray skirt that has a decorative black flowered band at hem

Reasons: Design Lines in Clothing

Rank: 3 1 4 2

Cuts: 3 5 7

(Hormel scores, for online score calculations see:

<http://www.worldaccessnet.com/%7Enormans/hormel.html>)

Design lines in clothing are covered in **Clothing Capers**, Lesson 4.

3. This is the most slimming choice for Oriana. The dress is solid black. The dark color and the fact that the dress is long with very simple design details make it the best choice for Oriana. The empire waist and the long length of the dress make the eye travel up higher than the partial chain belt at the waist of the jumper outfit and the tops of the other two outfits.

1. This jumper outfit is not as good a choice as the solid black dress because there is a partial chain belt at the waist. This causes the eye to stop and travel horizontally. This will call attention to the waist and make it appear wider. However, this is a more slimming choice than the gray outfit because the color of the jumper is black, the chain belt does not go all the way around the waist, and the slit is a more slimming feature than the decorative band at the hem of the gray skirt.

4. The gray skirt and top are more slimming than the white blouse and blue skirt with the decorative print bands. The top may call attention to waist and make it look wider but overall the color and the fact that the only decorative band is at the feet, make it a more slimming choice than the white blouse and blue skirt.

2. This outfit is the worst. It is the least slimming due to the light color of the top, the contrast between the color of the top and the skirt, and the fact that there are many horizontal lines that will make the body appear wider than it is.