

Spring's Best Dresses

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The dress has been and will always be an instant style-maker. There's no better way to make a statement than step into a room in an incredible frock. Lucky for us, styles this season run the gamut. There's a perfect dress on the rack for every occasion: adorable first date slip dresses to day-at-the-office sheaths to frothy June wedding numbers... and no matter the body shape or personal style, there is a dress that will flatter. Check out Westcor's suggestions for your spring dress wardrobe.



Sheath Dress, Tory Burch

Smooth Sheaths

Bold sheaths will flatter every body type. Sleek lines, a simple cut and flat seams make for a slimming, versatile and timeless dress pick that will remain a staple for years to come. Dress it up with heels and chunky cuffs, or dress it down with flats and summery accessories. We love this one from Tory Burch- the shape will work on size 2 to 16 and cut will carry you from season to season.

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Tiered Dress, BCBGMAXAZRIA

Tiered Dresses

A favorite current dress shape is the tiered dress – you can find great versions at J. Crew, White House | Black Market, Anthropologie and BCBGMAXAZRIA. The coolest part about this shape is it gives the wearer the femininity of ruffles, but manages to lay flat on the body to keep the silhouette slim. This two-tone version from BCBGMAXAZRIA is a palette for fun accessories, but has enough visual interest to stand on it's own.

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Floral Dress, Anthropologie

Florals

This season is all about flower power; floral patterns continue to dominate the runways and no doubt, we want to see the pattern everywhere for spring! From Forever 21 to Banana Republic, there are great floral prints out there to make us all feel beautiful and feminine. Keep florals sweet with metallic heels and a clutch, toughen 'em up with a cool belt or go indie with a leather handbag and sandals. This floral dress from Anthropologie is perfect for a Sunday brunch or garden party.

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Ruffled Dress, J.Crew

Frills

For all those frill-seekers out there, it's all about ruffles. This trend started at the Golden Globes as star after star was spotted adding a little flounce to their look. The look is romantic and demands attention. No matter your shape, you can do ruffles; they just need to go in different places. If you're super thin, you can pull off tons of tiny ruffles. If you're medium- or big-boned, go for larger, cascading flounces or delicate ruffles near the neckline, like this J.Crew dress.



Shirtdress, Banana Republic

The Shirtdress

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If tiers and ruffles aren't your thing, you can never go wrong when you purchase a shirtdress; this is a piece that will quite literally take you through every stage of your life and always be in style. Belt it, layer it- do whatever you want! The timeless cut won't lead you astray. This denim shirtdress from Banana Republic is a casual twist on the old favorite.

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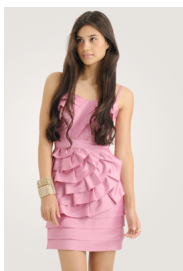


Sleeveless Wrap Print Dress, White House | Black Market

Figure-Flattering Tips

Strategic draping, frills, lines that draw the eye to your best features: Here are some great tips for wearing dresses this season with ease and confidence.

- If you feel you're a bit **bottom heavy**, try a dress with a fuller skirt- a halter dress will also work because it will pull the eye up to your amazing shoulders.
- Not a fan of your **bigger arms**? Stick to dresses with cap sleeves or three-quarter sleeves.
- Good things come in small packages so for all you **petite ladies** out there, try a simple sheath dress that hits above the knee – this is sure to elongate your frame, especially when you add a pair of heels or wedges.
- Maybe you don't have that hour-glass shape and want to **camouflage your waist**; if so, try a drop-waist dress or a flowy empire dress.
- If you're on the **busty side**, choose dresses that offer the most flattering necklines; wrapdresses are your best friend!
- For **smaller-busted** women, look for dresses that create volume up top with ruffles or opt for a dress that defines the waist and add a belt to your look.



Satin Ruffle Dress, Forever 21

No matter your size, wearing dresses is all about being stylish, confident and gorgeous. This season, Westcor salutes the dress and celebrates its existence by inviting everyone to stop by your nearest Westcor Shopping Center and embrace the latest trends. We've come a long way from just having a little black dress as our staple. Long or short, solid or print, fitted or loose, the look of a dress is classic and can be embraced by every woman.

Here's to feeling girly all spring long!