

Reporter: A Question Of Style



Celebrity stylist Karen Ng answers your fashion queries

Q I am only 1.54m tall. Should I buy a knee-length or full-length gown? I've heard that short girls should refrain from wearing full-length gowns as they will only make us look shorter.

Michelle

A Dear Michelle, Don't let a little thing like your height stop you from wearing a full-length gown. Just use the following tips as a guide: The dress you pick should not be multi-coloured, but single-toned. Try to find a dress that has vertical stripes or details as these will make you look taller than you really are. Also go for deep V-necklines as this will draw attention towards your face. Wear long strands of necklaces as this will draw the eye upwards and visually lengthen your figure.

If you're going for a frock with a shorter length, make sure it ends just above the knee, as showing a lot of leg will make you appear taller. Complement the dress with high platform heels. If you're not comfortable showing off your legs, pair the dress with dark stockings or tights and pick a pair of high pointed-toe heels that are of the same colour.

Another important tip is grooming. Makeup and an outstanding hairstyle will do wonders in drawing attention upwards, thereby making you appear seemingly taller. Remember that if you manage to focus people's attention elsewhere, your height will be the last thing that they see.

Stylist Vik Lim says: You're not too short to wear gowns or full-length dresses. It all has to do with finding the right garment with the right proportions to fit your built, which means not going for big and puffy or stiff pieces, or anything that may overwhelm you. Try light and sheer fabrics, like chiffon and georgette, since they are so hot this season. Top it off with the right accessories and heels that are at least 7cm. :

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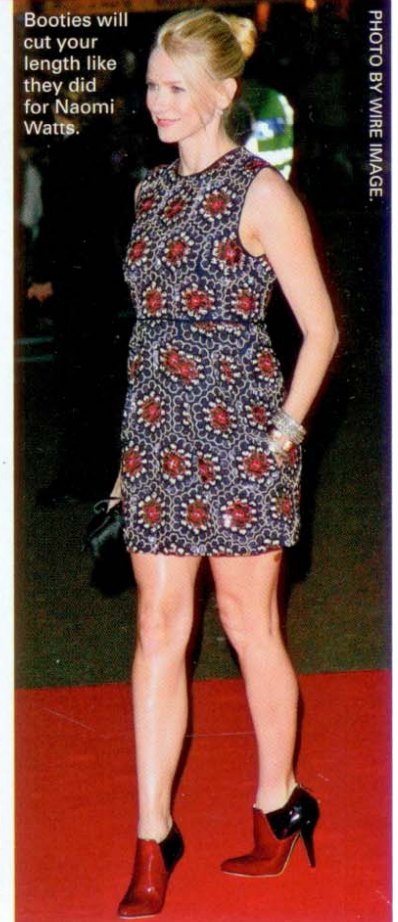


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Like Christina Aguilera, a deep neckline, impeccable hair and makeup draw attention to her face instead of her height.

Booties will cut your length like they did for Naomi Watts.



Valentino

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