

Reporter: *A Question Of Style*



**Celebrity stylist
Karen Ng
answers
your fashion
queries.**

Q I am small-built and do not have a full bosom. Besides wearing a push-up bra, are there clothes that will visually enhance my bust? — Sally

A Dear Sally, The great thing about fashion is that the right style can really make a difference to your body shape provided, of course, you know what to look out for. But fear not, I'm here to dish out advice to help get your figure looking like an hourglass.

Firstly, I would encourage you to pick dresses that have ruffles, pleats, gathers or drapes around the chest area as the extra fabric adds volume and thus creates the illusion of a well-endowed chest. Other details that will work just as well: A large bow or even feathers stitched on the bust area.

on the chest will make you look more top-heavy.

The other thing that can make a difference is the neckline of your dress. Sweetheart, shallow-V and boat necklines will help make your chest appear broader. Horizontal prints, colour-blocking and embroidery across the bust also work in the same way.

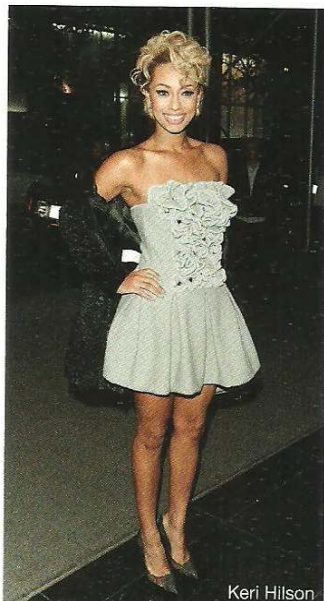
The third method is to level the hem of your sleeves with your chest area. And lastly, pair light-coloured tops with bottoms that are darker to really accentuate your upper body.

That said, I still advise you to pick up a good bra. People may feel that bras make little difference but that's because they are wearing the wrong-sized bra or one with straps that aren't adjusted properly. The Lingerie Shop (Palais Renaissance and Mandarin Gallery) is a good place to start if you're looking for the ideal bra to match your new dress — they offer customisation so it fits you perfectly. Trust me, it will make a world of a difference. •

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