

Reporter: *A Question Of Style*



Celebrity stylist Karen Ng answers your fashion queries.

Q I love dresses but have difficulty finding one that suits me. I'm 1.58m tall and weigh 57kg. I have a thick waist and arms; in fact, both appear to have become worse since I started my IVF treatments two years ago. What type of dresses suit my apple-shaped body and how do I wear them without showing any false signs of pregnancy?
— Mei Ling

Mei Ling, You have to understand that every figure has its flaws. Thankfully, there are always ways to hide imperfections. Here are some tips that will help.

- Empire-cut dresses give the illusion of a false waistline. If possible, avoid outfits that have pleats or gathers around the waist as they can make you look pregnant.
- Alternatively, kimono dresses boast a deep V-neckline and flared mid-length sleeves — these will distract attention from the waistline.
- Loosely structured dresses with vertical patterns or details, such as stripes and vertical trimmings, visually elongate your torso, thereby making you look slimmer. Centrally positioned prints and embellishments also help to draw eyes inward making your body look narrower.
- Stiffer fabrics skim the body and streamline curves, making you

look slimmer. Flashing a bit of skin around the neckline helps as well.

- Dress up the neck area with layers of stunning long necklaces so that people will focus more on your face and upper body.
- Divert attention away from big arms by wearing sleeves of varied designs — be they billowing, trumpet sleeves or batwing sleeves. Make sure that the sleeves don't end exactly in line with your waistline.

And finally, if you have great slim legs, show them off with a pair of fabulous statement heels! :



Shoes, by Furla.



Necklace, by Accessorize.



Giorgio Armani

Bottega Veneta

Celine



Cameron Diaz

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