

# Shopping for Panty Hose

**f**inding panty hose that fit well and feel good is a stretch. We asked Brenda Cooper, a television fashion expert, how to get a leg up.

**Q.** What's new for fall?

**A.** Textured hose—Hanes makes a whole range of them in herringbones and ribs. Another major development is toner hose. Donna Karan is coming out with a midriff toner that comes right up under your bra so you don't have the waist, bulge, bra problem. She's also doing a derriere toner that lifts the butt up. And Calvin Klein is doing no-seam hose, which works well under formfitting clothes, since there's no ugly, wavy seam going up the stomach.

**Q.** Which colors will be hot this season?

**A.** Deep jewel tones and darker, muted pastels.

**Q.** Do the designer brands hold up better than the less expensive ones?

**A.** Sheer hose have a tendency to run whether they're by Donna Karan or L'eggs. Comfort is the difference between the high- and low-end. The more expensive ones feel nicer, and there's a better color range.

**Q.** Which brands do you recommend?

**A.** Givenchy Body Smoothers. They don't get as many snags, and they return to their original form after you've worn them. Another good brand is Hanes Smooth Illusions.

**Q.** Are sizing charts accurate?

**A.** Yes. But if you're unsure of your size, I'd go bigger. I don't think any woman likes the crotch of the hose hanging down.

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