

Undercover glamour

Why don't celebs have telltale panty lines or fall out of plunging necklines? Fashion expert Brenda Cooper reveals the clever ideas behind the stars' perfection.



Sela Ward puts up a good front.



Elizabeth Berkley takes the plunge.



To avoid popping out of a deep V neckline, sew a rectangular piece of lace across the

inside of your dress, 4 to 6 inches above the bottom of the gap, depending on how daring you want to be.



Bringing up the rear: Fran Drescher.

Prevent a backless number from slipping too low with toupee tape (double-sided tape found at beauty-

supply stores). Stick two 4-inch lengths of the tape inside the low edge of the gown; press the dress to your skin so the tape adheres.

McPick editor's choice



a smooth move

Give that slim skirt a sleek look by slipping on a thong. You'll find these scant skivvies in lace, nude nylon (perfect for white

pants) and breathable cotton, like the version above. (Don't worry—thongs are more comfortable than you'd think.) \$9; Joe Boxer.



To keep a low-cut gown

from gaping, sew plastic boning (found at dress-maker-supply stores) inside the top of your dress: With the gown on, slip two 2-inch lengths of boning

into the top vertically at your cleavage, about 1 inch apart; mark the placement. Sew the tops of the boning to the inside edge of the gown. Tuck the loose ends of the boning into your bra when wearing.



Strap-happy Elisabeth Shue.



Make a gossamer dress less revealing by wearing a nude nylon bodysuit underneath. Or, for (almost) head-to-toe coverage, try wearing a full-body nylon slip.



Gail O'Grady's got it covered.



Stop bra straps from straying with this trick: From narrow ribbon, cut two lengths 1/4 inch shorter than the width of the dress's straps. Sew one end of each ribbon underneath the

inside edge of each strap. Sew half of a snap to the loose end of each ribbon, the other half to the dress strap. Once you're dressed, snap the loops around bra straps.