

HOW TO DO EVERYTHING BETTER

SHOP FOR HOT STUFF—AND KEEP YOUR COOL

We've all been there: dawdling amid the teddies and garter belts, eyeing what other women are buying. Here's a better—and less creepy—way to shop for your woman.

BE A BRA DETECTIVE

Avoid the hand-cupping and "they're about as big" descriptions by noting a few of her bra and pantie sizes. In doubt? Ask her! There's no bigger buzz kill than a sexy gift that she can't slip into 6 inches later.

CONSIDER HER SHAPE

In the right outfit, she can go from lovely to stunning. Think about her best attributes and use the guide below to choose the best style for her body type.

FIND HELP

Head for the dress employees—they'll be more sensitive to specifics like a pouch or small breasts. Tell her your gal's size and style, and she'll help narrow the search. Source: Jennifer Carroll, author of *Underneath It All*.

Her key asset	Ideal styles	Why they work
Long legs	Baby doll, short ruffles, bra-and-panties set	A thigh-skimming style adds emphasis to legs
Big chest	Sheer bra chemise with built-in cups and underwire	A sheer bra (source: her assets) built-in cups supports her bust
Pretty breasts	Sheer corset-style-and-panties set, lace bra (no underwire)	A- or B-size breasts don't need the support of underwire
Flat stomach	Three-piece bra, panties, and garter set	It's easy and shows a constant color in raised sunny
Great butt	Lacy corset panties or boy shorts	Push-ups cut accentuate her curves more than a G-string