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How to Show Skin Tastefully

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Mina Dress by Shavonne Dorsey

As the temperatures rise each Summer, we end up showing more and more skin. Who can stay covered up when the temperature is in the 80s or 90s? But unless you're spending the whole season at the beach or around the pool, you want to wear something more than short shorts and tank tops. An outfit that looks fine at the water park can look vulgar in almost every other location. Besides, you want to look good – not like it's too hot to care about what you're wearing.

So what's the key to showing skin without looking like a slob or a hootchie mama? Hiding some of it. Show off your legs OR your shoulders. If your skirt or shorts are more than an inch or two above the knee, then your neckline should offer some coverage. If your top is strapless or has a plunging neckline, then your hem shouldn't go any higher than your knee.

Mind you, this isn't a hard and fast rule. Religious weddings may mean that you to cover up a bit more. Outdoor events in August may require you to uncover as much as you'd like so you don't suffer from the heat. And you're an adult – consult your personal taste above everything else. It's just a matter of cocktail party-appropriate vs. dance club-appropriate. There's room for both in your life, but the same dress might not go both places.

If you're looking for a rule of thumb to follow so you're showing just the right amount of skin, remember – top or bottom. Not both.

Or just buy a dress designed by [Shavonne Dorsey](#) – her dresses are a perfect illustration of this rule.

The [Mina Dress](#) (pictured above) exposes the shoulders, but the hemline is right at the knee. And the neckline is relatively high. At first glance, you might think the model is very uncovered, but she really isn't.

The [Bella Dress](#) (pictured to the right) features a short skirt. On taller women, that hemline hits mid-thigh. But it's not too much (or too little) since the neckline is high, and the shoulders are covered.



Bella Dress by Shavonne Dorsey



Joie Dress by Shavonne Dorsey

Shavonne Dorsey's [Joie Dress](#) (pictured left) has a very deep neckline and a va-va-voom animal print. But the shoulders are covered, and the skirt is knee-length. That makes this dress so tasteful that you could wear it to Sunday brunch. But it's also appropriate for a nighttime party, or date night.

That versatility is what makes these dresses so powerful. When you show just the right amount of skin, you can wear that outfit to so many different places. With a change of accessories, of course.

What these dresses have in common is that they're sexy, but not vulgar. They offer a peek – which is much more enticing than revealing too much.

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