

Fashion TRENDS

Six Fashion And Foundation Faux Pas

(NAPSA)—The foundation to style success starts with the right foundations, yet, surprisingly, many women make the greatest fashion mistakes before they ever slip into a single outer layer.

According to fashion experts, these are the most obvious:

1. Visible bra straps. Bra straps poking out of your shirt or dress don't create a polished, sophisticated look. A quality strapless or convertible bra that offers the necessary support and coverage should be an essential part of any woman's wardrobe.

2. Bras that don't fit. It's estimated that up to 80 percent of women wear the wrong size bra. Bras that pinch and don't fit result in unattractive bulges on the back and under the arms or muffining over the top.

For smooth lines and comfortable support, it is advisable to be fitted by a professional intimate apparel fit expert on a regular basis. Many women's bra sizes fluctuate each month, and most women's bra size changes around seven times throughout their life.

3. Panty lines. Because visible panty lines spoil any look, be sure you have the correct underwear for every outfit. Panties that offer the newest technology are your best bet.

For example, the Vanishing Edge Panty from Soma Intimates eradicates panty lines, leaving a flawless silhouette. Made from a supersoft, lightweight microfiber with silicone microribs, these revolutionary panties are comfortable all day and don't ride up. From sleek bias-cut silk to chic winter-white pants, the underlying panty remains completely hidden, leaving the focus on you, and not your fashion faux pas!



Looking your best is always in style, so it's smart to avoid obvious panty lines.

4. The wedgie. Underwear that rides up is uncomfortable. With Vanishing Edge Panties, you not only don't see any lines or edges, but there is no budging or riding up. Stay-put technology works like a magnet with the skin, meaning the panties stay exactly where you place them—all day. Four styles—a brief, hipster, high-cut brief and bikini, in black, nude, ivory and chocolate—are available at Soma Intimates boutiques and at soma.com.

5. Lumpy embroidery showing through. If you wear clothing with lightweight fabrics, choose a smooth, contour or "T-shirt" bra to get a smooth line. Instead of a black, colored or white bra, wear a color that matches your skin tone.

6. Thongs that peek out. A thong that can be seen over your hip huggers is not appealing. If you love wearing a thong, choose low-rider or hipster underwear that stays neatly tucked inside.