

Accessorizing

the



Basic Necklines

The "4 Inch Rule" applies to all necklines

When wearing a necklace that extends below the neckline of your garment, it must fall a minimum of 4" below the neckline to achieve a polished, well balanced look.

If you are working with a defined waist (belted or tucked in), the necklace should be 3" to 4" above the waistline.

Jewel

Scoop

V-Neck

Collar

Turtleneck

Chokers that are dramatic and the same width all the way around create a sensational, tailored look. Women with long necks wear this best.

Drop pendants which are 18" will work but need to be bold or they will get lost. Delicate pendants should be framed with a 24" chain to make a statement.

Longer necklaces from 24" to 36" work forming a vertical line which elongates and slims. Always remember the 4" rule and keep the necklace 1" to 4" above the defined waist.

This neckline is ideal for showing off your favorite chokers, 16" to 18" chains and pendants, or pearls. Make sure they stay above the neckline and do not touch it.

If your neck is shorter you can go longer with necklaces, but, remember the 4" rule if you do. This neckline looks best with longer pendant style necklaces which form a "V" shape. This complements the shape of the neckline rather than repeating it, which is much more pleasing to the eye.

Don't forget a small square scarf tied a la Audrey Hepburn style.

Like the scoop neckline the "V" neck is great for highlighting your 16" to 18" pendants, chains and pearls.

If you want a longer look go with 30" to 36" chains or beads. The chain or strand of beads will fall in a "U" shape complementing the "V" shape of the neckline. Avoid necklaces with pendants or medallions which repeat the "V" shape. It's just too much "V" going on.

This is also a great neckline for using your small square scarves tied at the neck.

Don't panic! A few simple rules apply:

A casual blouse with an open or layback collar requires a choker, 16" chain or pendant. A scarf tied as an ascot also works nicely.

A dressy blouse (silk, rayon, etc.) can accommodate longer necklaces worn under the collar if they do not clash with the buttons.

Or, close the collar and wear a pin at the neck. Once again this would depend on the style of the blouse.

This neckline is usually found in solid colors making it ideal for showing off long dramatic chains and pendants.

Tunic length sweaters will require a necklace which is at least 36". The more bulky the turtleneck the longer the necklace needs to be to keep a good proportion.

An exception to the rule is when wearing a mock turtleneck. Here the neck is tighter and more fitted and when worn as a layering piece with a jacket or vest you can choose necklaces which are 16" to 18" and make a striking impact.

