

if you have...

1 a short waist

Drop-waisted shorts by Michele Bohbot from Bisou Bisou sit on the hips and disguise a short midriff by showing off the curve of your waist. Pink-, blue- and orange-embroidered stretch side panels, thankfully, give a little. Also in black and orange. \$76

2 thick thighs

Not only do they flatter heavier thighs, Lands' End's Ripstop Water shorts are a comfy answer for outdoor activities. The quick-dry nylon-mesh-lined shorts have an elasticized waistband that won't constrict your middle. Also in light stone, black and ink blue. \$26

3 a big bust

These showstopping pink Hibiscus Lei florals from Nautica draw attention downward...and away from a full bust or heavysset shoulders. Pair with a solid color long or short-sleeved V-neck tee. Also in acid green, gray and blue. \$60

4 a pouchy tummy

A cross between a skirt and shorts, Rampage's skort is the perfect tool for hiding a belly you'd rather not bare. The tennis-skirt-like flap gives a smooth impression in front and back and is great for the modest. (Hint: You won't have to fear flashing your underwear.) \$45

5 wide hips

Nautica's generously cut gray ripstop athletic boy shorts are super sports attire if you are full in the hips. The loose and light nylon lets you really move; flat pockets on side seam keep the look sleek. Also in blue and white. \$48

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short cuts

Summer's here and the shorts are on. But which pair is right for your body and your life?



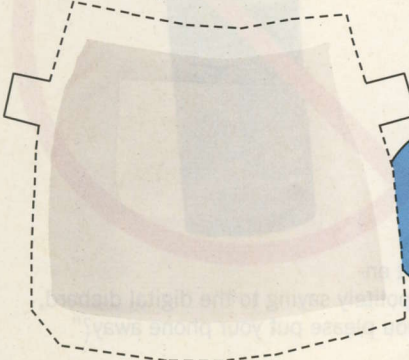
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