

One Curvy Girl's Quest For the Perfect jumpsuit



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I was born with curves in my DNA. I have hips and a butt, and I'm convinced that, no matter how many Ratchet Zoomba classes I take or hours of yoga I do, they are here to stay. And you know what? That's okay with me! I fully embrace my shape, and most of what comes with it. I say "most" because being a girl with curves means that wearing certain things can be tricky. Not impossible, no, just tricky. One of said things is a jumpsuit.

I've always admired jumpsuits from afar, mainly because I've been burned by jumpsuits in the past. As in: I've tried them on and they so ridiculously did NOT fit my hips and butt, it was absurd. See, I am a pear shape. I'm smaller on top than I am on bottom, so basically I've carried the notion that these onesies — cute as they are — are my mortal enemies. To be seen but not worn.

That is, until about a month ago. It was a Saturday just like any other Saturday: brunch, strolling, shopping. I ended up at Urban Outfitters with a \$100 gift card left over from Christmas burning a hole in my pocket. And that's when I saw it — an adorable tiger-print sleeveless jumpsuit with a sexy little keyhole cutout on top. I loved it so much, but thought there was no way it could fit me. Then I realized the fabric had a bit of stretch, and the jumpsuit had an elastic waist I could slide over my hips. I tried it on ... and et voilà! It fit! Here's a snap of me in the dressing room (pardon the pile of clothes on the chair), trying to contain my off-the-charts excitement:





MinkPink Tiger Print Jumpsuit, \$79, [urbanoutfitters.com](http://www.urbanoutfitters.com)

(<http://www.urbanoutfitters.com/urban/catalog/productdetail.jsp?id=34858605&category=W-APP-ROMPERS>)

The jumpsuit is perfect and it actually fits like a glove. As I mentioned, the waist and the fabric have give — two key elements for a girl with curves. I also love the way the waist cinches in so sharply. It really defines my middle and gives me an hourglass shape. The slim-cut legs also lend a long, lean look. I must have been on some kind of a roll, because not two weeks later I spotted another jumpsuit, this time on [Target.com](http://www.target.com/p/sleeveless-jumpsuit-mossimo/-/A-16673241#prodSlot=medium_1_5&term=jumpsuit) (http://www.target.com/p/sleeveless-jumpsuit-mossimo/-/A-16673241#prodSlot=medium_1_5&term=jumpsuit), that I thought might work well on my shape. Feeling confident from my last buy, I went for it and ordered it online. And sure enough, it fit! Here's a snap of me wearing it: (I plan to style it up with those red [Zara](http://www.zara.com/us/) (<http://www.zara.com/us/>) heels once the weather gets warmer!)





Mossimo Sleeveless Jumpsuit, \$29.99; [target.com \(http://www.target.com/p/sleeveless-jumpsuit-mossimo/-/A-16673241#prodSlot=medium_1_5&term=jumpsuit\)](http://www.target.com/p/sleeveless-jumpsuit-mossimo/-/A-16673241#prodSlot=medium_1_5&term=jumpsuit)

I loved the slouchy look of this jumpsuit the instant I saw it. Subtle ruching creates a lengthened look, and again, the fabric has great stretch (and is SUPER soft — seriously, like a cloud). I know, all-black can be a bit boring, but the great thing about it is that you can punch it up with major accessories like a bold statement necklace, a bright bag or tinted heels. One thing's for sure: I'll definitely be doing all of the above this Spring and Summer!

Is there an item of clothing you've always thought was off-limits? Share it in the comments below!