

Short Story

Who doesn't like to feel the breeze on their legs when the weather is warm? Believe it or not there are rules when it comes to wearing shorts in the summer months. We've seen the too tight, too baggy and too skimpy haven't we? When shopping at the Goodwill Retail Store take the time to find the perfect pair! Seeing the trends from a fashion perspective, and a practical one, let's take a look at examples of the good, the bad, and of course the ugly!



Shorts are primarily a casual look, but can be worn to work if they are more of a tailored look, such as a trouser styled high-waisted type. They may also have pleats, but most important of all is the fabric. It should be a gabardine, or a crisp cotton. When paired with a dressier blouse and jacket they may work in a corporate setting! Linen and very wrinkly type fabrics are best left to the beach.



Hot pants are back this season, but remember that baring that much leg means the rest of the ensemble should be a little more covered up. If your legs aren't your best feature you should definitely avoid this trend. But for that minority out there, do what a lot of stars have been doing. Wearing hot pants, with a slouchy type jacket that helps to balance the look. Hot pants worn with skimpy tops scream "look at me", but not in a good way!!



Denim has gone the way of the “boyfriend jean”. Women are taking their man’s jeans and cutting them off and rolling them up!! This is where you may wear a smaller top, like a camisole, or t-shirt as the proportion of the bottom half of the outfit has a heavier feel. This look is great for those that have great upper bodies, but feel that their legs aren’t quite up for inspection!



Shorts can also camouflage flaws for many figure dilemmas.

If you are a petite type gal you should never wear a cargo short with a lot of pockets and detailing, it will only bring you down! You should stick to shorter shorts, maybe mid thigh, and more fitted looks.



If you’re on the larger size, remember that tailoring, and a good flat front on any type of shorts will be more flattering. The old rule is baggy and blousy shorts will only make you look larger. Depending on your shape, length may vary but knee length or slightly above almost always works for the plus size woman.



On the other hand, if you are a skinny-mini you may want to create more shape in your figure. Try wearing a more blousy short, or pleated short with some volume in the leg area. This will give you the illusion of a curvier figure, and you won't be mistaken for a boy! A more clearly defined waist will help to keep the hourglass ideal going as well, so tuck that shirt in and wear a cool belt!



Anyone can wear shorts this summer, just make sure that they are age appropriate and flattering to your figure. At the Goodwill Store & Donation Center near you, there are plenty of options available. Try all the garments that fit my rules for your body type and you're sure to find just the right "short story" for your breezy summer style.

