Reporter: A Question Of Style



Celebrity stylist Karen Ng answers your fashion queries.

I'm a student who absolutely loves dancing!
However, on days
I have to attend classes at school and dance lessons, my outfits are baggy and predictable to the point of being boring. I'm in love with the effortless chic looks as seen on personalities like Lady Gaga, but don't know how to create such outfits. I also have a petite, pear-shaped figure. — Aiting

aggy outfits should be banished from your closet, since you're petite and pear-shaped. Anything oversized simply overwhelms your silhouette or draws unwanted attention to your wide hips. You don't have to wear a skin-tight outfit outside the dance studio, but why not try on streamlined, comfortable clothes that are multi-functional? In fact, designers like Alexander Wang have incorporated stylish sports-inspired pieces like trendy bicycle shorts into their ready-to-wear collections. Start looking out for fitted tops that are not clingy. A great option that looks sexy whether you're busting a move or hitting the books is a soft cotton tank top. Feminine variations on the classic wifebeater includes sexy racer-back details, elongated hemlines or eye-catching prints. Layer a sheer tank over another in a contrasting shade for added coverage, and wear them over denim cut-offs in school and leggings during dance class. Labels like American Apparel (available at Eclecticism) produce ultra-comfy versions that are great for a work-out.

Also, remember to keep your muscles warm by investing in a few long hoodies or cardigans in basic black, grey and white. Not only are they functional, they also hide oversized demierès. Try a top with shoulder detailing like a sweater with slightly pouffed shoulders or epaulets to broaden your upper half and balance out your pear-shaped frame. \$\frac{1}{2}\$

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