



THE NECKLINE & NECKLACE GUIDE

*An easy guide to choosing
the right necklace for
what you're wearing.*



SIMPLE TIPS. FLATTERING CHOICES. EVERY DAY CONFIDENCE.



NECKLACE LENGTHS 101

KNOW WHERE IT FALLS BEFORE YOU CHOOSE



- CHOKER**
Sits at the base of the neck.
- PRINCESS**
Sits at or just below the collarbone.
- MATINEE**
Sits just below the collarbone.
- 20"**
OPERA
Sits at the top of the bust.
- 24"**
LONG
Sits mid-chest.
- 32"**
EXTRA LONG
Sits below the bust.
- 36"**
ROPE
Sits near or just above the waist.

Lengths are a guide. Height, neck size and body proportions can change where a necklace falls.



FIND YOUR NECKLINE

SIMPLE PAIRINGS THAT MAKE GETTING DRESSED EASIER

1

CREW NECK



GO LONGER

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A crew neck creates a high, rounded line across the body.

Try a longer necklace that falls clearly below the neckline. A pendant or longer chain creates a vertical line and gives the necklace room to be seen rather than competing with the collar.

Easy rule: Go clearly above the neckline or clearly below it. Avoid having the necklace land right on the edge of the collar.

2

SCOOP NECK



STAY WITHIN

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STAY WITHIN

The scoop neck gives you a lovely open space to work with.

Try short-to-medium necklaces that follow or comfortably fill the curve of the neckline. Rounded necklaces, shorter pendants and layered styles can all work beautifully here.

Easy rule: Let the necklace live inside the open space rather than crossing the neckline.

3

V-NECK



FOLLOW THE V

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FOLLOW THE V

This is one of the easiest pairings to remember.

Try a pendant or necklace that echoes the V shape. The necklace doesn't need to match the neckline perfectly, but a gentle point or drop usually works beautifully.

Easy rule: V with V. Avoid necklaces that cut horizontally across a deep V unless you're intentionally creating contrast.

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4 BOAT NECK



GO LONGER

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GO LONGER

A boat neckline travels horizontally across the shoulders and sits relatively high.

Try a longer pendant or long necklace. The vertical line provides a lovely counterbalance to the wide horizontal neckline.

Easy rule: Wide neckline, longer necklace.

5 SQUARE NECK



STAY WITHIN

SQUARE NECK

STAY WITHIN

A square neckline already has strong, structured lines.

Try a shorter necklace that sits within the open neckline. Simple chains, shorter pendants and softly shaped necklaces can provide contrast without fighting the geometry.

Easy rule: Keep the necklace inside the square rather than letting it land directly on the neckline.

6 SWEETHEART



STAY WITHIN

SWEETHEART

STAY WITHIN

The sweetheart neckline creates a soft, feminine open space around the collarbone.

Try a shorter necklace, delicate pendant or softly curved statement piece. You usually don't need a very long necklace here. Let the neckline do some of the work.

Easy rule: Keep it above the neckline and let the necklace sit naturally in the open space.

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SIMPLE PAIRINGS THAT MAKE GETTING DRESSED EASIER

BUTTON-DOWN / COLLARED

KEEP IT SHORT

A collared shirt gives you two good styling options.

Wearing it open? Try a shorter necklace or pendant inside the open collar.

Buttoned higher? A necklace can be worn over the shirt, especially a statement piece or longer pendant.

Easy rule: Decide whether the necklace belongs inside the collar or over the shirt. Avoid having it awkwardly caught between the two.



TURTLENECK

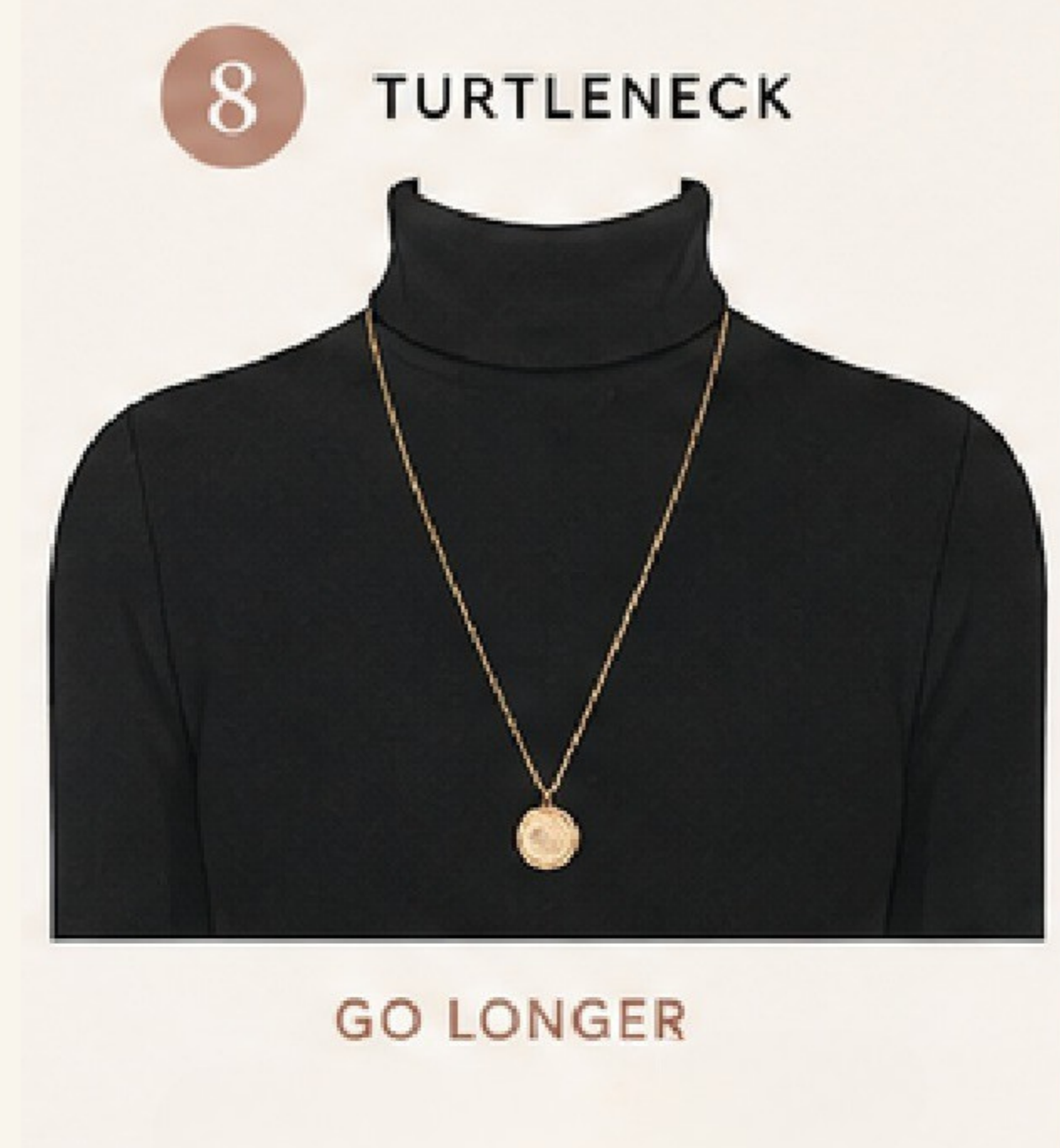
GO LONGER

A turtleneck gives you a beautiful blank canvas.

Try longer necklaces, pendants and layered chains worn over the fabric.

Because there isn't exposed skin around the neckline, the necklace becomes part of the outfit itself.

Easy rule: Give it some length.



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STRAPLESS

HIGHLIGHT THE COLLARBONE

With no neckline competing for attention, you have plenty of freedom.

Try chokers, shorter necklaces, statement pieces or delicate collarbone-length styles. This is a wonderful neckline for letting one special necklace take centre stage.

Easy rule: Use the open space. You don't have to fill all of it.



ONE-SHOULDER

KEEP IT SIMPLE

The neckline is already making a statement, so your necklace doesn't have to compete with it.

Try a simple, delicate necklace or consider skipping the necklace entirely and choosing fabulous earrings instead. Sometimes the best necklace for a neckline is no necklace at all.

Easy rule: Let one focal point lead.



THE RULE THAT MATTERS MOST

GUIDELINES ARE HELPFUL. CONFIDENCE IS BETTER.

Does your necklace complement your neckline, or compete with it?

These are guidelines, not laws. Your height, proportions, clothing, necklace design and personal style all affect how a combination looks.

If your eye doesn't know where to look, try changing the necklace length first. Sometimes moving it just an inch or two makes everything click.

And if you love the way it looks? Wear it. Confidence will always be more stylish than following a rule perfectly.

Want a second opinion?

Take a photo of your outfit or neckline and email it to me. Helping women put the pieces together is one of my favourite things to do.

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I look forward to helping you!

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QUICK REFERENCE

SAVE IT. SCREENSHOT IT. USE IT THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE GETTING DRESSED.

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THE RIGHT NECKLACE. THE RIGHT PLACE. EVERY TIME.



1 CREW NECK



GO LONGER

Choose a longer necklace that falls below the neckline.

2 SCOOP NECK



STAY WITHIN

Choose a necklace that follows the shape of the neckline and sits within the scoop.

3 V-NECK



FOLLOW THE V

Choose a pendant or Y-necklace that follows the v-shape and enhances your neckline.

4 BOAT NECK



GO LONGER

Choose a longer necklace or pendant that adds length and interest.

5 SQUARE NECK



STAY WITHIN

Choose a shorter necklace that sits within the edges of the neckline.

6 SWEETHEART



STAY WITHIN

Choose a shorter necklace that follows the shape of the neckline.

7 BUTTON-DOWN / COLLARED



KEEP IT SHORT

Choose a shorter necklace that sits at or just below the collarbone and works within the open collar.

8 TURTLENECK



GO LONGER

Choose a longer necklace or pendant to wear over the fabric.

9 STRAPLESS



HIGHLIGHT THE COLLARBONE

Choose a short necklace that sits at the collarbone to highlight your shoulders.

10 ONE-SHOULDER



KEEP IT SIMPLE

Skip the necklace—let the neckline shine, and choose statement earrings instead.



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LITTLE BLACK DRESS | NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL

