

Fashion Outlook

New swimsuit styles play on illusion

NEW YORK (NEA) — Do all the new barely-there swimsuits make you want to hang drapes over every store mirror?

Perhaps this isn't the best time to tell you about the new swimsuit style, the "monokini" — a one-piece suit with sides so deeply scooped out that it bares as much as a bikini.

But don't let your spirits sink; women with figure problems can still find a swimsuit that disguises as much as it enhances.

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Like so much fashion, effective dressing — even in skin-baring swimsuits — is the "art of illusion." Choosing the right color, pattern and silhouette can actually make you look thinner, whatever your size.

Obviously, that monokini can be left for the young of heart and body to slither around in, but it could also be a possibility for a woman whose only problem is a slight tummy. In that case, she could choose a monokini where the lower half veers downward from the waist and comes in a dark color.

The magic formula for dressing thin is: "Maximize the good; minimize the extra." This will work for any kind of dressing, swimsuits included.

You'll be seeing a lot of bared skin on the beach this year. But your selection of swimsuit fabric can pull attention away from your problem areas and highlight the better parts.

Take advantage of this season's hot fabrics — glitter, batiks and colorful geometric patterns — to cool-out problem spots. For example, eye-catching, glittery, criss-cross straps can bring attention to a well-toned back. Taking this same formula for



EVEN if you don't go near the water, you'll make a big splash with the new monokini. (About \$40.)

drawing attention to the good, some patterns can actually slenderize extra pounds. Small and medium size prints are great to diminish round hips and a large bustline. Stripes, if they are not too bold and wide, can slash away pounds.

Elena Valencia, designer for Cole of California, offers other slenderizing hints for the new swimwear.

"A print or any type of geometric, including large or small flowers, is good for anyone with any kind of figure problem," Valencia urges. "If you're somewhat overweight, definitely go to a dark background. A small print, depending on the background — say it's a black, navy or

GET a new slant on summer by wearing a maillot with weight-whittling diagonal stripes. (About \$46.)

brown with a small print — then anyone can wear it. If it's a light or white background, it's more difficult to hide the flaws of the body."

Stripes, particularly diagonal ones, must be heaven-sent, because they can slenderize thick waists, large busts, full hips, even "handle bars." They are especially slenderizing for

the woman who has more than an extra 10 or so pounds. If you choose them in a maillot (say "my-o") style, you can slenderize everything at once. The maillot, by the way, which is cut high in the hip, is "an excellent fashion statement and helps cover tummy problems," say Valencia.

But, alas, how do you camouflage heavy hips, or even "saddle bags"? Valencia suggests the new styles with "shorts," which are reminiscent of the 40s pin-up girl look. They'll even come in monokini styles and attach to a bra or bandeau. Valencia says that the shorts help hide well-padded hips and thighs, but allow a woman to wear a cut-away top.

Other effective choices for wide hips and thighs are suits with skirts. Avoid, however, skirted styles in bold, bright prints. They will just add to the problem.

Whatever your figure problem, Cole's designer says, "Very simple styling is more flattering." That means, elaborate styling like drapes, pleats and tucks should be avoided.

There now. Come summer, show off what you have and let the art of masquerade take care of the rest.



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