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TALL TALES

Five fashion myths to smash:

1. **High heels** add not only inches but poise: "You stand straighter and hold yourself more confidently," says 6' footwear designer Kathryn Kerrigan, 28, who produces cute shoes in the hard-to-find larger sizes many tall women wear.
2. **Vertical lines** have a slimming effect if you're both big and tall. Just pick your spots for stripes: on top for a leaner-looking torso; on the bottom to minimize wide hips.
3. **Cropped pants** are most flattering at the ankle bone, so what to do if they come only to your midcalf or knee? Buy regular-length pants instead of long to get the effect, or cover up with knee-high boots.
4. **Bright colors and big prints** do work when you're statuesque. On the pear shaped, an eye-catching shirt balances hips by broadening the appearance of the upper body; for inverted-triangle types, bold skirts or pants can offset a more voluptuous top half.
5. **Pencil skirts** make you look like a beanpole only if you wear monochromatic outfits that emphasize the vertical axis. Try a contrast instead, such as the classic white shirt and slim black skirt.

THE SVELTE BELTED DRESS
ANDREA GRANT,
 31, 6'1"

Grant, a writer for the Web site thefashionspot.com, is crazy about dresses that **emphasize her curves** — "anything baggy just makes you look bigger," she says. Feminine clothes, like this vintage-inspired sheath with a sweetheart neckline and kick pleats (Stop Staring!, \$145), keep her height from being intimidating. Belts are a cinch for most six-footers we spoke to; see how this one (LAI) bisects Grant's body. "Instead of hiding my height, I flaunt it," she says. A size 10, Grant proves that it's as cool to be tall and voluptuous as it is to be tall and lean. Bangles, Roberto Coin. Shoes, Chanel. *Reported by Lambeth Hochwald. For details see Shop Guide.*

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