Choose a cardigan neckline for a statement necklace

Neckline and necklace comparison card • Free, no signup or purchase.

1. Fix the necklace and its drop

Choose one statement necklace and keep it for the whole comparison. Without a cardigan, measure from the dip at the base of your neck at the front down to the lowest point of the pendant or centerpiece. Write this drop once at the top of the card.

2. List the neckline options

Pick two to four options you can actually wear: for example a crew-neck cardigan buttoned to the top, the same cardigan open or with only the lower buttons fastened, which leaves a V-shaped opening, a V-neck cardigan, or a scoop or other neckline you own. Give each option a row on the card.

3. Measure the same landmarks on each

Wear each option over the same base top. From the same point at the base of your neck, measure down to the neckline edge at the center front and to the first fastened button. For an option worn fully open, write "open" for both. These numbers make the options comparable.

4. Leave visual space

With the necklace on, note where the pendant lands on each option: above the neckline edge, on it, between the edge and the first fastened button, or below that button. Avoid a pendant that rests against a button or buttonhole. Which of the other zones you like is a personal choice.

5. Test movement and choose

For each option, turn your head, lift your arms and sit down, and check the clasp, your hair and the neckband or front edge for snagging. Take a front photo of each option at the same distance, compare them side by side, and mark the one you prefer. After you take the necklace off, look at each neckband for pulled loops.

Note

Everything here works with clothes you already own. The optional cardigan link is on the guide page. The linked listing may open with a size and color already selected; choose your own from the seller's size chart and color options before buying. Follow the care label on the garment you receive.

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Fixed necklace

Necklace

Drop from base of neck to lowest point of pendant (in / cm)

Base top worn under every option

Neckline comparison (same necklace)

Neckline option	Base of neck to neckline edge	Base of neck to first fastened button	Zone*	Clear of buttons and edges? Y / N	Snag or clasp note
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

*Zone: above neckline edge / on edge / between edge and first fastened button / below that button. Write "open" when no button is fastened.

Movement check (chosen option)

- [ ] Turned head left and right: clasp and hair did not catch
- [ ] Lifted arms and sat down: pendant stayed off buttons and edges
- [ ] Took the necklace off: no pulled loops on the neckband or edge
- [ ] Front photo of each option taken at the same distance

Decision

Chosen neckline option

What you saw that decided it

Change to try next time