



## SHOPPING Suits all

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**One-piece or two? It's time to choose your team.** Go for a swimsuit and you'll be in good company: according to lyst.com, there's been a 50 per cent increase in internet searches for the classic one-piece. And no wonder, because even if we can't all have a naturally long, lithe figure, we can take a damn good stab at one with an array of cleverly cut, technically advanced styles that cinch, smooth, lengthen and boost oh so discreetly.

But then, a bikini has the advantage of flexibility. Mixing up bottoms and tops gives you a host of different looks. If you're bigger on top than bottom or vice versa, a bikini can be a gift; and high-waisted cuts are perfect for drawing attention to your narrowest point, the waist. The two-piece also maxes tanning potential, and there's nothing wrong with a bit of underwiring and padding to help us all release our inner beach goddess.

### THE ONE-PIECE



**FOR EXTRA COVERAGE**  
**Farrah**, £295, by *Lisa Marie Fernandez*, from boutique1.com. Ideal for those who want a little more modesty or a sporty vibe.



**FOR PETITE BODIES**  
**Ann-Marie**, £101, by *Solid & Striped*, from shopbop.com. The chic vertical stripes on this suit lengthen the body.



**FOR LARGER BUSTS**  
**Floral**, £345, by *Dolce & Gabbana*, from net-a-porter.com. Underwired cups flatter and give structure.



**FOR SMALLER BUSTS**  
**Plunging**, £18, by *Asos* (asos.com). With no need to worry about support, go for a deep-V style to show off your tan.



**FOR PEAR SHAPES**  
**Filled**, £163, by *Zimmermann*, from matchesfashion.com. A ruffled sweetheart neckline draws the eye upwards.



**FOR HOURGLASS CURVES**  
**Vintage Boyleg**, £59, by *Boden* (boden.com). A wide halter-neck strap and low-cut legs: Marilyn Monroe, eat your heart out.

### THE TWO-PIECE



**FOR LARGER BUSTS**  
**Tallulah top**, £39, and **bottoms**, £35, by *Reiss* (reiss.com). Underwired for support, this balconette has a vintage vibe.



**FOR CURVY FIGURES**  
**Caribbean floral top**, £18, and **bottoms**, £16, by *Asos* (asos.com). A high-waisted cut flatters the tum while a halter neck lifts fuller busts.



**FOR MIXING AND MATCHING**  
**String-tie top**, £9.99, and **bottoms**, £7.99, by *H&M* (hm.com). Adjustable ties and removable padding cater for all body shapes.



**FOR EXTRA COVERAGE**  
**Striped halter rash guard**, £65, and **bottoms**, £50, by *J Crew* (jcrew.com). The contemporary take on the tankini.



**FOR BOYISH FIGURES**  
**Yaz crochet top**, £140, and **bottoms**, £105, by *Kiini*, from selfridges.com. A soft triangle cup creates the illusion of curves.



**FOR SMALLER BUSTS**  
**Electrolight bandeau bikini**, £230, by *Mara Hoffman*, from net-a-porter.com. Curved patterns add shape to more athletic figures.