

Dresses to make you wiggle as you walk

THE Christmas party season has well and truly arrived. So if you're looking for a dress that won't raise eyebrows at your work dinner – but still has a certain sexy something – the High Street has come up with a

stunning solution: the wiggle dress. These are dresses that are nipped in at the waist, then come to a tight pencil shape just below the knee.

This not only creates a sexy shape, but forces your hips to sway, giving

you a wiggle when you walk. With the latest designs cut to create the illusion of an hour-glass figure even in those who aren't perfectly proportioned, CLAIRE COLEMAN put them to the test.

PERFECT CURVES

Red textured dress, £45, asos.com, shoes, £19.99, newlook.com

ALTHOUGH the colour is a bit easyJet orange, this was my favourite – I liked it so much I bought the black version, too. The waffle fabric has a Victoria Beckham feel about it, making it appear much more expensive than it is.

WIGGLE FACTOR: 5/5

GROWN-UP GLAM

Green dress with lace, £198, libbylondon.com, shoes £89, dunelondon.com

THE black lace panel that goes above the bust and the tops of the arms makes it feminine without being too risqué. The grosgrain ribbon belt, with cleverly positioned darting, defines a waistline and accentuates the hips.

WIGGLE FACTOR: 4/5

SPLIT DECISION

Wine dress, £42, asos.com, shoes, £79, dunelondon.com

ASOS says this is a wiggle dress, but I disagree. The split up the front means it doesn't force a wiggle. But the high waistband and a cut that creates a curve round the hips do steer you towards that classic hour-glass shape.

WIGGLE FACTOR: 3/5

IN THE PINK

Pink dress, £36, asos.com, shoes, £225, lkbennett.com

A WIGGLE dress that could take you from the office to a party – wear with a jacket by day and a statement necklace after dark. But the length means you need to be tall and leggy, or wear very high heels.

WIGGLE FACTOR: 4/5

RETRO RUFFLE

Polka dot dress, £99, theprettydresscompany.com, shoes, £170, lkbennett.com

ALTHOUGH I loved the Fifties pin-up fabric, this dress didn't have much hanger appeal. However, once on, the bow detail on the straps and flounce at the bottom made the dress far more attractive. The sweetheart neckline was really flattering and the skirt is tightly fitted, forcing that signature wiggle.

WIGGLE FACTOR: 5/5

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