

DRESS: EVA DRESS 1940S D40-359

Belt: Lord & Taylor (available at select Lord & Taylor stores); Shoes: Franco Sarto (available at select Macy's stores); Bag: Orla Kiely (aDressMe.com); Necklace: Ben Amun (Ben-Amun.com)



A charming dress

Eva Dress 1940s D40-359 (EvaDress.com)

Step back into the 1940s with this form-fitting, well-proportioned, belted beauty—a replica of a Vogue design. This dress has a multitude of gathers at the bodice and hip for shape and style. Pattern sizing was different in the 1940s, of course, and this style is produced in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20, and 40 for busts 32, 34, 36, 38, and 40 inches, respectively. Our tester made the dress in size 16 (for a 34-inch bust) and found the pattern to be on the narrow side. She recommends measuring the flat pattern and comparing the measurements with your own to get a proper fit. With an elongated yoke panel and the shirring on the side bodice and front skirt, the design lines are flattering. Our tester suggests using a lightweight, drapery fabric due to all the shirring and gathering. (Sized for busts 32–40 in. and hips 35–43 in.)

—Tested by Mary Ann Shannon, Columbiaville, Michigan

STYLE TIP: In keeping with the period style, create this dress in a vintage print.

