

# Open TO ALL



COVERED BUTTONS ALONG  
WAISTLINE AND TABS  
COMING FROM SIDE SEAMS  
TO ADJUST WAIST

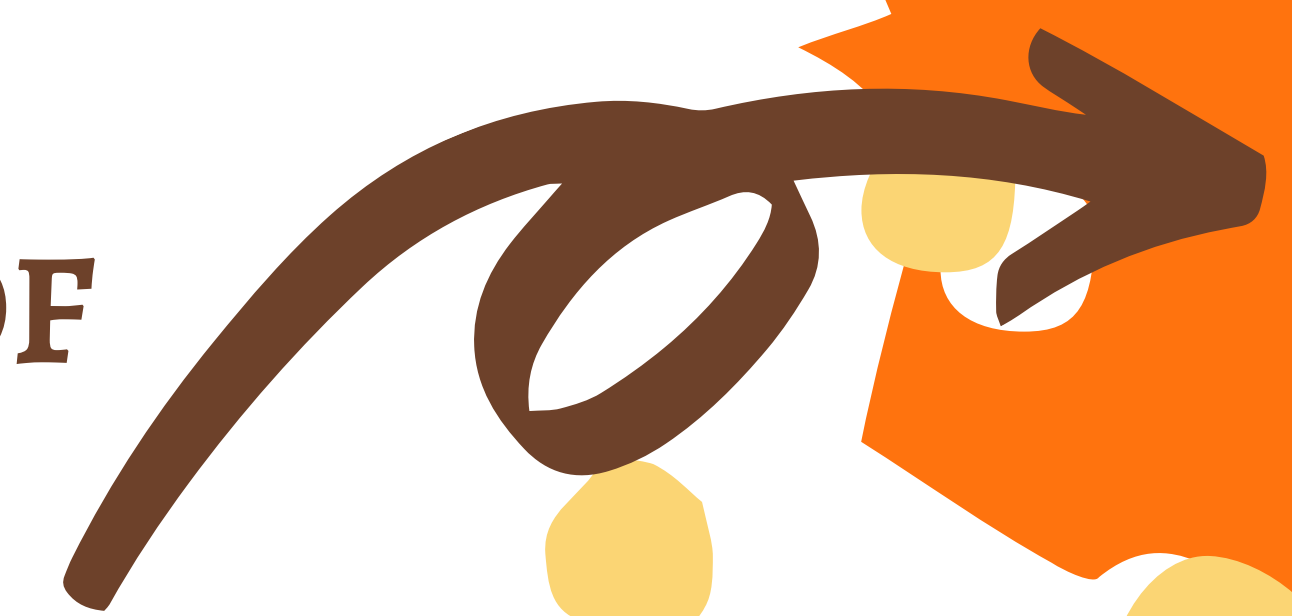


HIDDEN BUTTONHOLE  
ELASTIC IN BACK OF  
WAIST FOR FURTHER  
CUSTOMIZABILITY

ELASTIC BUTTON LOOPING  
AND COVERED BUTTONS  
TO REMOVE PORTIONS OF  
SKIRT AND ADJUST  
LENGTH



CLOSE UP OF  
DOTTED  
PATTERN ON  
FABRIC



MADE FROM  
RAYON FOR  
COMFORT AND  
DRAPE

**Unfortunately, most popular national retailers are unwilling to sell clothing that caters to different body types. Therefore, people with dwarfism are restricted almost exclusively to buying their clothing from small specialty retailers or getting custom alterations to all of their garments. This dress is designed to be appealing to all types of retailers but is entirely adjustable to perfectly fit the proportions of someone with dwarfism without changing the style. This enables anyone to have the experience and convenience of shopping in top stores.**



## COMMON DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR TARGET MARKET

Average sized torso, shortened limbs

Flexed elbows

Rounded chest or shoulders

Full hips, arms, and legs

Lordosis/  
Scoliosis

Frustration of struggling to find well fitting clothing in popular stores

Large skull

## SOLUTIONS IN THIS DESIGN

Lower neckline to comfortably fit around head when putting on

Loose fitting bodice to fit stylishly on women with barrel chests

Full skirt with button and buttonhole elastic along inside back of waist to accommodate for any waist to hip ratio from spinal curvature

Puff sleeves to fit full upper arms and add a fun style detail without overwhelming stature

3 piece skirt fastened by covered buttons and loops so that pieces can be added or removed to match the wearer's height

Covered buttons along waist and tabs coming from sides to be able to cinch or expand waist to size and shape of wearer

Dwarfism can be caused by more than 300 different conditions, each manifesting in unique symptoms and body proportions. The common thread between these conditions, and also what makes it so difficult for people with dwarfism to shop in traditional retailers, is an average height of four feet tall. While children's sections offer clothing of the right length, they do not fit adult sized torsos and often only come in juvenile styles. This dress was designed with several adjustable features to accommodate different body proportions comfortably and fashionably.

## STYLE INSPIRATION



*Polka dots and easy feminine styles from Adam Lippes S/S 2020*



*Interesting sleeve silhouettes from Carolina Herrera S/S 2020*

