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Elastic button looping and covered buttons to remove portions of skirt and adjust length.

Covered buttons along waistline and tabs coming from side seams to adjust waist.

Hidden buttonhole elastic in back of waist for further customizability.

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.
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.

**COMMON DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR TARGET MARKET**

- Average sized torso, shortened limbs
- Flexed elbows
- Rounded chest or shoulders
- Lordosis/
- Scoliosis
- Frustration of struggling to find well fitting clothing in popular stores
- Full hips, arms, and legs
- 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
- Covered buttons along waist and tabs coming from sides to be able to cinch or expand waist to size and shape of wearer
- 3 piece skirt fastened by covered buttons and loops so that pieces can be added or removed to match the wearer's height

**STYLE INSPIRATION**

- *Polka dots and easy feminine styles from Adam Lippes S/S 2020*
- *Interesting sleeve silhouettes from Carolina Herrera S/S 2020*