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# **Duchess Meghan is bringing the boatneck back:** How you can pull off the look too



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<u>Duchess Meghan is bringing the boatneck back: How you can pull off the look too</u> originally appeared on <u>goodmorningamerica.com</u>

Meghan Markle is bringing the boatneck neckline back in fashion.

The Duchess of Sussex has rocked the look at seven -- and counting -- official appearances, beginning with her May 19 wedding to Prince Harry.

PHOTO: Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, exit St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle after their royal wedding ceremony, in Windsor, England, May 19, 2018. (Neil Hall/Pool via EPA/Shutterstock)

Duchess Meghan's Givenchy wedding dress featured a boat neckline that has quickly become her signature style.

"The boatneck is a classic neckline that allows Meghan to bare some skin but not be too revealing," said Kristen Saladino, fashion director at Good Housekeeping. "She is following in the footsteps of some very chic ladies: Audrey Hepburn, Princess Grace and Jackie O [Onassis Kennedy]."

Just as Meghan wears the boatneck for any occasion, you can too, experts say.

PHOTO: Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex and Britain's Prince Harry stand as they attend the 'Your Commonwealth' Youth Challenge reception where they will meet youngsters from across the Commonwealth, at Marlborough House in London, July 5, 2018. (Yui Mok/Pool via AP)

"It's the perfect balance between edgy and still sophisticated," said Melissa Garcia, an on-air fashion correspondent, celebrity stylist and fashion expert.

"What's great also is that almost no woman ever says she's not confident about her collarbone and neck area, so it's a great place to be able to show a little skin," she said. "It's flattering on any woman's body shape and size and a trend any woman can embrace and wear."

PHOTO: Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex attend a ceremony to mark the centenary of the Royal Air Force on the forecourt of Buckingham Palace, July 10, 2018 in London. (Max Mumby/Indigo/Getty Images)

The only mistake a woman can make when wearing a boatneck is to show her bra straps, according to Saladino, who recommends wearing a strapless undergarment in order to "keep the neckline clean."

Garcia also recommends keeping the neckline clean by skipping a necklace and making the boatneck silhouette your statement.

PHOTO: Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex visits Dublin, July 11, 2018. (SplashNews.com)

While the boatneck look is often seen on A-line styles, like Meghan has worn, Garcia thinks the exposure will bring a resurgence of boatneck to more casual styles.

"Now that Meghan bringing it back in the fashion forefront I do think we'll be seeing different variations of it," she said.

Ready to dive into the boatneck trend? Try these looks.

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A great way to try out the boatneck trend is one of Meghan's favorite ways to wear it, a dress. This NY & Co. dress has a similar silhouette and similar button details to two of the pale pink boatneck dresses Meghan has worn since her wedding.

PHOTO: Meghan, Duchess of Sussex travels down The Mall in a horse drawn carriage during Trooping The Colour 2018, June 9, 2018, in London. (Max Mumby/Indigo/Getty Images)

PHOTO: Britain's Queen Elizabeth, Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex arrive for a group photo at the Queen's Young Leaders Awards Ceremony at Buckingham Palace in London, June 26, 2018. (John Stillwell/Pool Photo via AP)

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PHOTO: The modern long sleeve boatneck tee by Gap in olive green. (Gap)

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Another great way to try the boatneck style, but without making a huge commitment, is with your top. This olive green top from the Gap for only \$25 is a great way to try the trend without spending a ton of money.

PHOTO: Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex leave after attending the christening service of Prince Louis at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, London, July 9, 2018. (Dominic Lipinski/Pool Photo via AP)

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PHOTO: Black/houndstooth-patterned boatneck dress by H&M. (H&M)

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Heading into the fall, one of the best ways to incorporate the boatneck trend into your wardrobe is with plaid boatneck, like this H&M dress. Meghan wore a Plaid boatneck jacket by Theory on a visit to Wales in January.

PHOTO: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle a street dance class during their visit to Star Hub, a community and leisure center in the Tremorfa area of the city, Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 18 2018. (Geoff Pugh/REX/Shutterstock, FILE)

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