

**Tips and advice for choosing the correct clothes size for your fashion doll**  
**[www.meretesyr.se](http://www.meretesyr.se)**

This is the **most common Barbie sold today**. She is called **Original Barbie**. The basic size in **[www.meretesyr.se](http://www.meretesyr.se)** patterns for 11.5 inch fashion dolls fit her.



**Barbie**  
**(=Original Barbie)**  
**MOST COMMON**  
Basic size in  
***meretesyr***  
patterns

The dolls can have extra joints and they come with many different hair colours and skin tones. This does not affect the clothes size.

Today's Barbie comes in several sizes. *meretesyr* patterns can be used to makes clothes for the four sizes that are shown here.

Tall is taller and Petite is shorter. Curvy is wider, mainly from the waist and down. \*)



<p><b>Petite Barbie</b></p> <p>Similar to Original Barbie, but shorter.</p> <p>In <i>meretesyr</i> patterns there are directions on how to adapt the basic size to fit her.</p>	<p><b>Barbie</b> (=Original Barbie)</p> <p><b>MOST COMMON</b></p> <p>Basic size in <i>meretesyr</i> patterns.</p>	<p><b>Tall Barbie</b></p> <p>Similar to Original Barbie, but taller.</p> <p>In <i>meretesyr</i> patterns there are directions on how to adapt the basic size to fit her.</p>	<p><b>Curvy Barbie</b></p> <p>Second most common. Same height as Original Barbie, but curvier.</p> <p>Has her own lines in <i>meretesyr</i> patterns.</p>
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\*) In the Barbie Fashionista series there are further variants of these body shapes. For the ones I tried (not all) the sizes in the patterns work.

**Older Barbies** have a very different body shape.

*meretesyr* patterns are made for today's Barbie, but some garments also fit older Barbies.

Here is a comparison between today's Barbie and two older dolls.



<p><b>Barbie</b> (=Original Barbie) <b>Most common Barbie sold today.</b> Basic size in <i>meretesyr</i> patterns.</p>	<p><b>Older Barbie</b> Approx 1980/1990 Use "Curvy Barbie"-size for tops and dresses. Use basic size with opening in the back for trousers and skirts, add elastic at the waist if needed.</p>	<p><b>Older pregnant Barbie-copy</b> Approx 90/00-tal Some dresses and tops in "Curvy Barbie"-size fit.</p>
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\*) NB: See specific advice for pattern 53 on next page.



Picture: Petite, Original, Tall and Curvy Barbie with clothes from pattern nr 35.

### **Pattern 53 "Summer":**

#### **Older Barbie (approx 1980/1990):**

- Use "Curvy Barbie"-size for the bikini top.
- Use basic size for everything else.
- She can put on the bikini bottom, but it's too big at the waist.

#### **Older pregnant Barbie-copy:**

- Use "Curvy Barbie"-size.
- The wrap dress and the bikini top do not fit.