



# In Praise of Power Panties

WE STOPPED SUCKING IT IN YEARS AGO, THANKS TO MIRACLE SLIMMING SPANX BY DARA PETTINELLI

You know you love those stretchy underthings that can trim inches. We do, too. And so do celebs (they're not all size zeros). As the fall dressing season approaches, join us as we raise our gl(asses) in appreciation of keeping jiggle in its place.



**KATHIE LEE GIFFORD** // 54  
On her secret for being camera-ready for her new stint on *Today*: "Industrial-strength Spanx."



**MOLLY SHANNON** // 44  
As she lifted her dress for the paparazzi at a benefit last year: "Spanx works magic! They really trim the tummy."



**MARCIA CROSS** // 46  
On why, two months after giving birth to twins, she fit into slim-cut trousers: "Spanx, honey!"



**VALERIE BERTINELLI** // 48  
After losing weight with Jenny Craig: "I'm now wearing small Spanx, not large."

## STYLISTS PICK A SPANX HALL OF FAME



▶▶ "My personal favorite is the **Hide & Sleek Full Slip** [\$72]. It holds everything in, and it's invisible under a garment."

—SHAREN DAVIS Oscar-nominated costume designer (*Dreamgirls*)

◀◀ "The **Power Panties** [\$30] take a good five to seven pounds off the



thighs. And the **High-falutin's** [\$28, not shown] are great for eliminating a midsection."

—DANIEL LAWSON costume designer (*Lipstick Jungle*)

▶▶ "The **All The Way Up! High-Waisted Full-Length Pantyhose** [\$28] are great under a party dress or one that's fitted. They go



all the way up to the bustline, and keep the tummy smooth."

—NICOLE CHAVEZ Hollywood stylist and costumer (Catherine Zeta Jones, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *The O.C.*)

▲ "To choose just one is tough, but I love the **Bra-llelujah!** [\$62]—it eliminates any pouchy bits on your back—and the **Slim Cognito Shaping Mid-Thigh Bodysuit** [\$72, not shown]. They



both make you look and feel svelte."

—CATE ADAIR costume designer (*Desperate Housewives*)

"I say amen to the **Bra-llelujah!** They've reinvented the bra with none of the usual metal and hooks. All my clients love the comfort and fit."

—TONY VILLANUEVA rock tour costumer and dresser (Madonna, Cher)

■ For these bare necessities, go to [spanx.com](http://spanx.com).

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