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Grandma, You Wore a Bikini?

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Following up on the "honest question" in my last blog



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From the 50s. "Look at me I'm Sandra Dee" (singing Rizzo's song from Grease)



I didn't have a poodle skirt, but this flowered one is reversable
(My chest is compliments of a Victoria's Secret "Bombshell Bra" a different topic entirely)

Continuing the tour of my "Vintage Closet" (see explanation at end)

Except for one pair of shorts, I don't have any clothes from my pre Spark overweight days (80s – 2008), but by the time clothes are as old as these, might as well keep a few around.

I try on some from time to time

The 60s



The 70s

That plaid one must have been on clearance.



Looking back to when I first wore them is like opening my own time capsule



I will spare you a photo of "bikini me" Then OR Now.

It does still fit but I cannot pretend to be that sweet young thing I was 50 years ago.
It's here under the same coverup I used to wear when taking the subway to the beach.



FINALLY, the Sparkers verdict:

The majority of answers to my honest question -
“Would You Want to Shop from Racks that Show your Real Size in Inches?”
was YES! Especially now since fitting rooms are closed.
Too bad companies don’t listen to Sparkers

Some honestly said no. They did not want to see the inches on the rack or tag
Some weren’t sure. Maybe “after they reached goal”

I also found a website that puts “sizing creep” in perspective over time.
The companies are adding inches faster than ever.
If this continues, they will need negative numbers for those whose waists are still the 24 inches of the past.

Misses' sizes (PS 42-70) ^[1] (1971)												
5'2½"-5'8½" tall, average bust, average back												
Dimension/size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22			
Bust	31½	32½	33½	35	36½	38	40	42	44			
Waist	22½	23½	24½	26	27½	29	31	33	35			
Hip	33½	34½	35½	37	38½	40	42	44	46			
Back-waist length	14½	15	15½	15½	15½	16	16½	16½	16½			

Misses' sizes (ASTM D5585 95 (R2001)) (1995, revised 2001)												
5'3½" - 5'8" tall												
Dimension/size	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20		
Bust	32	33	34	35	36	37½	39	40½	42½	44½		
Waist	24	25	26	27	28	29½	31	32½	34½	36½		
Hip	34½	35½	36½	37½	38½	40	41½	43	45	47		

Misses' sizes (ASTM D5585 11e1) ^[1] (2011)												
5'5½" tall												
Dimension/size	00	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Bust	31½	31½	33	34½	35½	36½	37½	38½	40½	42½	44	45
Waist (Straight)	25½	26½	26½	27½	28½	29½	30½	32½	34	36	38½	40½
Waist (Curvy)	23½	24½	25½	26½	27	28	29	30½	32½	34½	36½	39
Hip (Straight)	33½	33½	35½	36½	37½	38½	39½	41	42½	44½	46	48
Hip (Curvy)	34	34½	35½	37½	38½	39½	40½	41½	43½	45	46½	48½

- Explanation of the obvious question:
Why do I still have all these clothes?
- 1) They were in my parents' basement, a nice discovery after they passed away.
 - 2) I had a LOT of closet space since the kids had all moved out.
 - 3) I like looking at them occasionally

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SAMMILESSACH



How awesome!
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LIZZIO1



The sizing chart scope creep is both fascinating and unsettling. As portion sizes increase, so do our clothing sizes, it seems. Thank you for drawing our attention to this disturbing trend. I know I will be thinking about inches the next time I'm shopping for clothes!
177 days ago



NOSEYME



It is fun to shock the kids every once in awhile..like, we are all human and we had our dreams.
181 days ago



SUSMANNIE



I had a red and white polka dot bikini. It would not fit me now! I'm impressed!
181 days ago



DESIREE672




Oh my! What a lovely nostalgic collection. Psychedelic bikini! You look fab! Joking aside, you really do!
181 days ago



MTN_KITTEN



 LOVE the fashion show.
181 days ago



PANDA9181



So fun!
182 days ago



ALIHIKES



Love you blog! And love the photos of the clothes from the past
182 days ago



SHAWFAN



I LOVE this blog!! (Playing catch up before I go to bed and happened across your blog from Friday!) Wow! Yes, I remember those fashions as well. They look great on you still! (Well, yeah the plaid one is a bit more out-dated than the others. LOL) (I never looked good in plaid myself.) Thanks for sharing these photos and the current company trends. I'll keep wearing men's clothing all the same. They fit better, are heavier so I don't freeze, the pockets are deeper and there seem to be more of them. For some reason, men's clothing just seems to be made out of better material if you ask me.
I'm not saying I don't like what you are showing in these photos, but you know what? Do you think

maybe women's clothing may have been made better back then too?
182 days ago



DGRIFITH51



Thanks for sharing, enjoyed the pictures and the memories of those fashion we wore way back when!



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MSMOSTIMPROVED



Clearly you are a fashion plate!! I love them all (save the plaid- just not my style). That green sleeveless dress and white jumper could be sold right now. I'd buy it! The pink cover up is funky!!! You can rock that anytime. These are such treasures!
182 days ago



NANHBH



I say if the clothes fit, wear them! They're cute. You could be a trendsetter!



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OVERWORKEDJANET



Looking at them? WEAR them!



I had something similar to the 60's green number.

Thanks for the time capsule sharing.

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DONNALEE-53

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SLENDERELLA61

Love this blog! Thanks for sharing. Love that you can fit into all those clothes. Well, well done!!

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MAREE1953

A fun blog!! I call them "classics" - the old skirt suits I used to wear to work pre-COVID, rather than vintage. Working from home in more comfortable clothes the last 9 months: how will we ever go back?!

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ELSCO55

Thanks

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IMNOTSTOPPIN

Shoot, you could be a model. I was a clothes hound in the 60's and 70's

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THINCPL2004

That is awesome that you can still wear them. And awesome photos 📷. Looking great!

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NANNYC5

I still have some of my sixties clothes, but I can't wear them YET.

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KAYDE53

So cool that you can wear them. I had an orange checked pant suit on the order of your plaid one, lol.

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MARTHA324

those pictures are amazing! So impressed that you can wear them now! Have moved too often that there isn't much left from years ago. Still have the pair of plaid pants that were my goal pants when I decided enough is enough. they are now HUGE on me, but I keep them anyway.

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MARKSMOM3

Great pictures in your post, and lots of fun!

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LINDA!

I had a similar bikini when I was 19. I no longer have it, I certainly could not wear it now. But it is nice to look back at the clothes we wore and enjoyed.

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AZMOMXTWO

what a great surprise to find and even better that they fit

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JPPERSELL

Great modeling lol! Your clothes look great!

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THOMS1

Oh the memories! Confession! I used to try on my wedding dress after all of my children were

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born just to see if it still fit. I finally gave it to St Vinnie's so someone else could enjoy it.
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OSONIYE
So much Fun!!
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WOOFERCOALBOY
It's a gorgeous bikini! I was too well upholstered to wear a bikini - I wore a two-piece with more support instead.
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4EVERDIETER
Enjoyed the fashion show!
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QUARTERMASTER3
Nice trip down memory lane 🥰
184 days ago



SCDALYNCH
AWESOME
outfits!! What a great job and look so good. Styles come back you know.



My clothes have started to need alterations. I can't buy new ones yet. The slacks are too big in the hips etc. I need to drop more in the waist.

It is so good to be able to sew and mend. My latest has been making outfits for my grand niece and nephew's Elf on a Shelf. I do it for my niece that is a teacher and her birthday is Dec. 3rd.

Blessings
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RACHNACH
184 days ago



JOYNEW
Fun walk down memory lane!
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UPTOIT59
Interesting seeing all the styles on you in the pics. Kudos to you for being able to wear them now. 🕊️
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HOLLYM48
It was fun to see the then and now pics! How awesome that you fit into those outfits! It is amazing how the styles and colors cycle through the years. And some people truly love the vintage look.
I love the swim suit cover up! Still in style after all these years and you look great in all those outfits!
Thanks for the smiles!!!
Have a great weekend! Hugs.
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SUSANYOUNGER
Wow, your parents keep them what a find. Nice to see you through the years.
184 days ago



RHOOK20047
I can remember so many of those styles. My mom when I was younger made a lot of her clothes and was quite good at it until arthritis took over her hands. Weren't the bright vibrant colors such a kick?
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ALICIA363

Love the vintage fashion show! 💖

My naturally slender niece is equally furious at the sizing creep. She's size zero and "refuses to wear a negative number". Talk about invalidating someone's existence! So I guess I'll side with the majority. Give me honest numbers, and help me be honest with myself.



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KATTHOMAS2

Thank you so much for the fashion show. It was like traveling down memory lane & I loved it.
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ANNIEONLI

Omg great blog!! I love the now and then pics! Awesome!
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PLCHAPPELL

Fun to explore
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LIS193

Love the dresses from the 60's! You look great then and now!



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KITTYHAWK1949



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MARYJEANSL

I would probably keep those clothes too, if I were in your situation. My sister and I had something similar happen. When our mother died, we found lots and lots of clothes we and our brother and other sister wore as babies and children (in trunks in the basement). We would have just loved to use them for our children when they were young, but we didn't know Mom still had them. It made both of us sad. Some of those clothes Mom had sewed for us - they were still beautiful, and in great condition. :-(
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SUNNYCALIGIRL

Thank you for the "retro" re-try on. I like the plaid suit!

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SUSIEMT

WOW! You were a babe then and now! I loved that vintage look! (((HUGS)))

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MJREIMERS

My oldest loves vintage clothing and often tells me I should have kept my clothes from decades ago. I don't have that much closet space!

Thanks for the blog. It brought a smile to my face.
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HAYBURNER1969

I remember all these outfits!
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SPEDED2

It seems no matter the era, the clothing styles come round again. Wow! I had forgotten the elastic cinch belt. I had several in different colors. It's wonderful that you are able to put them on again and they look so nice.



Thank you for sharing the trip down memory lane.
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