



A STARTING GUIDE

# FOUNDATIONS OF **ADAPTIVE CLOTHING**

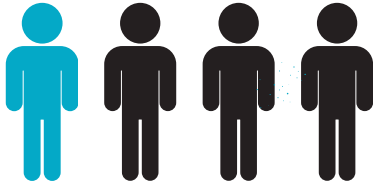
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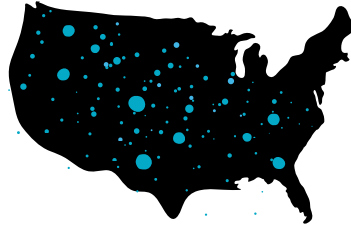
# You Are Not Alone

Today, **1 in 4 Americans**, over 61 million people, live with a disability. At the same time, the world's population is aging. In the U.S., **over 57 million adults** are age 65 or older, and globally, that number exceeds 808 million. **By 2030**, older adults will outnumber children under 18 for the first time in U.S. history.

These shifts mean more people are facing challenges related to mobility, dexterity, energy, and daily self-care. If you or someone you love is experiencing this—you're not alone.



**1 in 4 Americans live with a disability**



**57M adults 65+ in U.S.**



**By 2030, older adults outnumber children in the U.S.**

***Disability is the only minority group that any of us can become part of — at any given time.***

## Dressing is simple...until it is not.

For millions, it's a daily struggle. Disabilities can be visible or invisible and take many forms — physical, cognitive, sensory, or speech-related. Conditions like arthritis, stroke, injury, or chronic illness can make basic tasks like fastening a shirt or buttoning pants difficult, painful, or impossible.

## Adaptive Clothing Today

Adaptive clothing makes dressing easier and more independent. Many options use hook and loop fasteners (otherwise known as Velcro), magnets, zippers, and snaps.

## The need is growing — and so are the possibilities.

As our population changes, the call for practical, inclusive clothing grows louder.

**People deserve clothing that works with their bodies, not against them — apparel that restores comfort, confidence, and independence.**



*Comfort*



*Independence*



*Inclusion*



*Confidence*

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## Adaptive Clothing is For Everyone.

It's for people aging, post op, living with a disability, supporting someone who is, or people who are seeking ease of use dressing. It's about restoring independence, saving energy, and making each day a little more manageable.



You are part of a larger movement—one that's building a more accessible, inclusive world. With tools like adaptive clothing, daily struggles can become moments of grace, comfort, independence, and confidence.

**Easy Dressing**

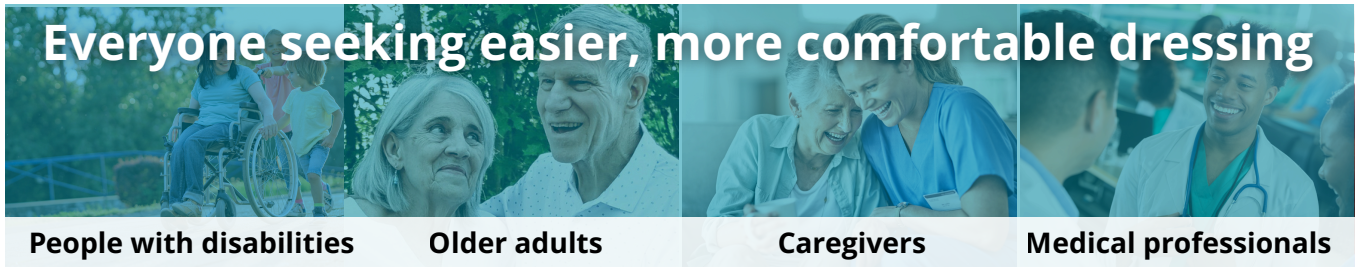
**Wheelchair  
& Amputee  
Friendly**

**Sensory Comfort**

**Medical Access &  
Durability**

## Who Benefits?

**Everyone seeking easier, more comfortable dressing**



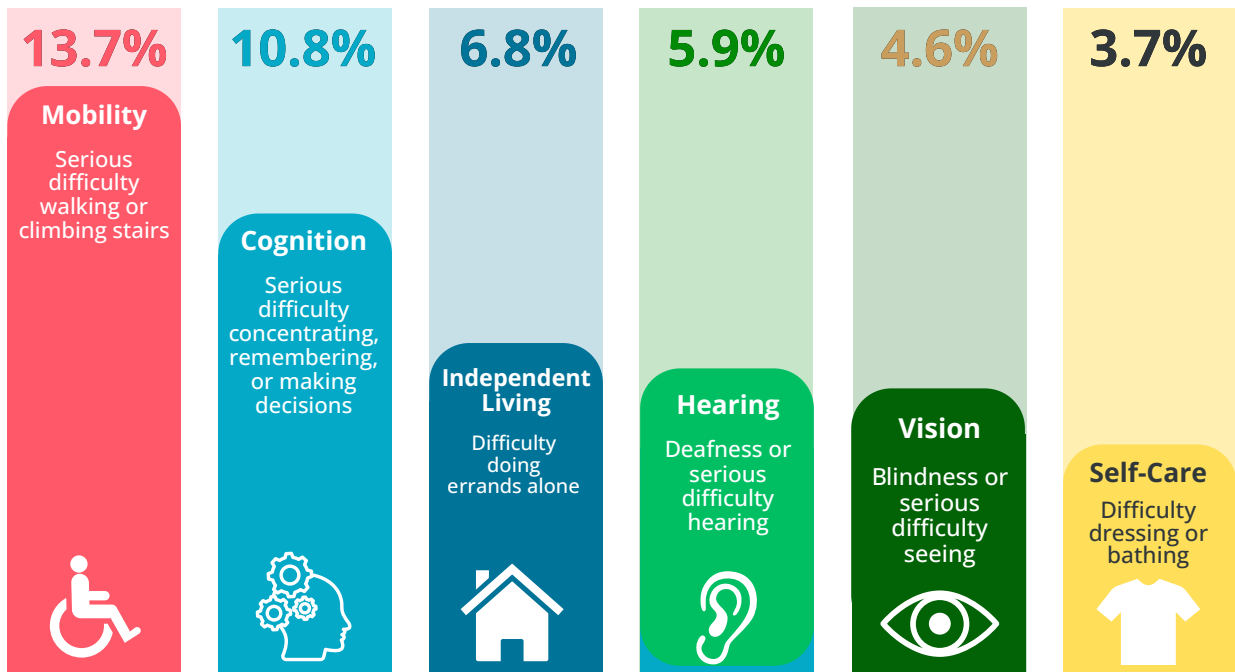
**People with disabilities**

**Older adults**

**Caregivers**

**Medical professionals**

## Percentage of Adults with Functional Disability Types



<https://abilitymagazine.com/61-million-people-with-disabilities-in-the-united-states/>

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# Benefits and Considerations for Adaptive Clothing

Practical advantages that support independence, comfort, and inclusion.

## KEY ADAPTIVE FEATURES

### Closures & Openings

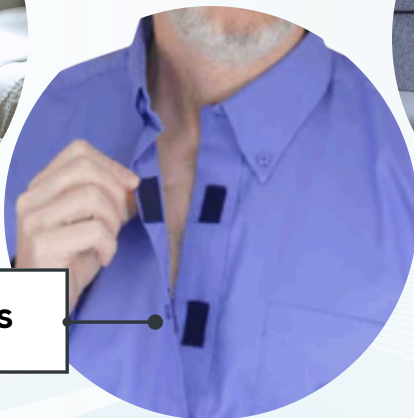
- Magnetic buttons or snaps, zippers, and velcro closures, to replace standard buttons (arthritis or limited dexterity)
- Velcro fastenings that eliminate the need for fine motor skills
- Open-back designs and side zip pants for caregiver dressing
- Side zippers to accommodate products like catheter bags
- Hidden openings for ports, catheters, tubes

### Comfort & Fit

- Wide necklines and armholes
- Higher back / lower front rise pants
- Flat seams, no back pockets
- Longer backs, non-bunching fabrics
- Elastic waistbands for easier dressing while seated



**Velcro Fasteners**



**Sensory-friendly, double needle, flat felled seams for durability**



### Sensory & Fabric Choices

- Tagless labels
- Soft, breathable fabrics (bamboo, cotton)
- No tight elastics or rough seams
- Flat felled seams- for sensory-friendly clothing

### Medical & Mobility Support

- Access for braces, prosthetics, diapering
- Compression garments for circulation
- Adjustable waistbands, hems, sleeves

### Customization

- Optional features (one-handed dressing, scoliosis, limb difference)
- Brand-offered tailoring or modular designs

### Footwear

- Hands-free or slip-on footwear to eliminate laces
- Reduces fall risk and simplifies dressing

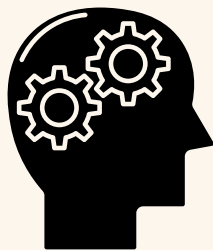
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# Physical vs. Cognitive Disabilities



**PHYSICAL DISABILITY** refers to a limitation in a person’s physical functioning, mobility, dexterity, or stamina. These disabilities affect the body and can be visible (e.g., wheelchair use) or invisible (e.g., chronic pain).



**COGNITIVE DISABILITY** refers to challenges with mental tasks such as learning, memory, problem-solving, attention, or processing information. These may result from developmental, neurological, or acquired conditions.

Physical Disability	Aspect	Cognitive Disability
Impairment in physical function, movement, or mobility.	Definition	Impairment in mental processing, learning, or attention.
Paralysis, amputation, arthritis, muscular dystrophy.	Examples	Autism, intellectual disability, traumatic brain injury.
Injury, illness, congenital condition, degenerative disease.	Causes	Developmental delay, brain injury, genetic or neurologic condition.
Limited mobility, use of devices (wheelchairs, prosthetics).	Visible Symptoms	Often invisible, may show as behavioral or communication differences.
Walking, standing, balance, fine motor skills.	Primary Challenges	Specialized education, routines, and cognitive therapy.
Mobility aids, physical therapy, adaptive equipment.	Support Needs	Specialized education, cognitive therapy, visual aids.
Wheelchairs, orthotics, ramps, grab bars.	Assistive Tools	Picture schedules, speech devices, memory aids, timers.
Physical disabilities always involve cognitive impairment.	Common Misconceptions	Cognitive disabilities mean the person isn’t intelligent.
Physical access (e.g., ramps, accessible restrooms).	Accessibility Needs	Clear communication, simplified information.

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## Who Benefits?



**Individuals with disabilities**



**Older Adults**



**Caregivers**



**Medical Professionals**

## Core Benefits

- ✓ Easy dressing & undressing
- ✓ Seated & wheelchair-friendly design
- ✓ Sensory comfort
- ✓ Medical access
- ✓ Durable, easy-maintenance fabrics

## How They Benefit

<b>Sensory-Friendly Design</b>	Reduces irritation and stress
<b>Easier Laundry &amp; Maintenance</b>	Fabrics that simplify care
<b>Institutional &amp; School Use</b>	Supports dressing in group settings
<b>Travel &amp; Emergencies</b>	Faster changes when time matters
<b>Workplace Inclusion</b>	Professional styles that adapt
<b>Style &amp; Identity</b>	Fashion choices that build confidence
<b>Across Life Stages</b>	Suitable from childhood through senior years

## Why Adaptive Clothing Matters

**Supporting independence, confidence, and comfort.**

Whether you're dressing independently or with the help of a caregiver, adaptive clothing promotes greater autonomy by reducing the physical effort and time required. For individuals with limited mobility, energy, or dexterity, this means conserving energy for other daily activities and improving overall quality of life.

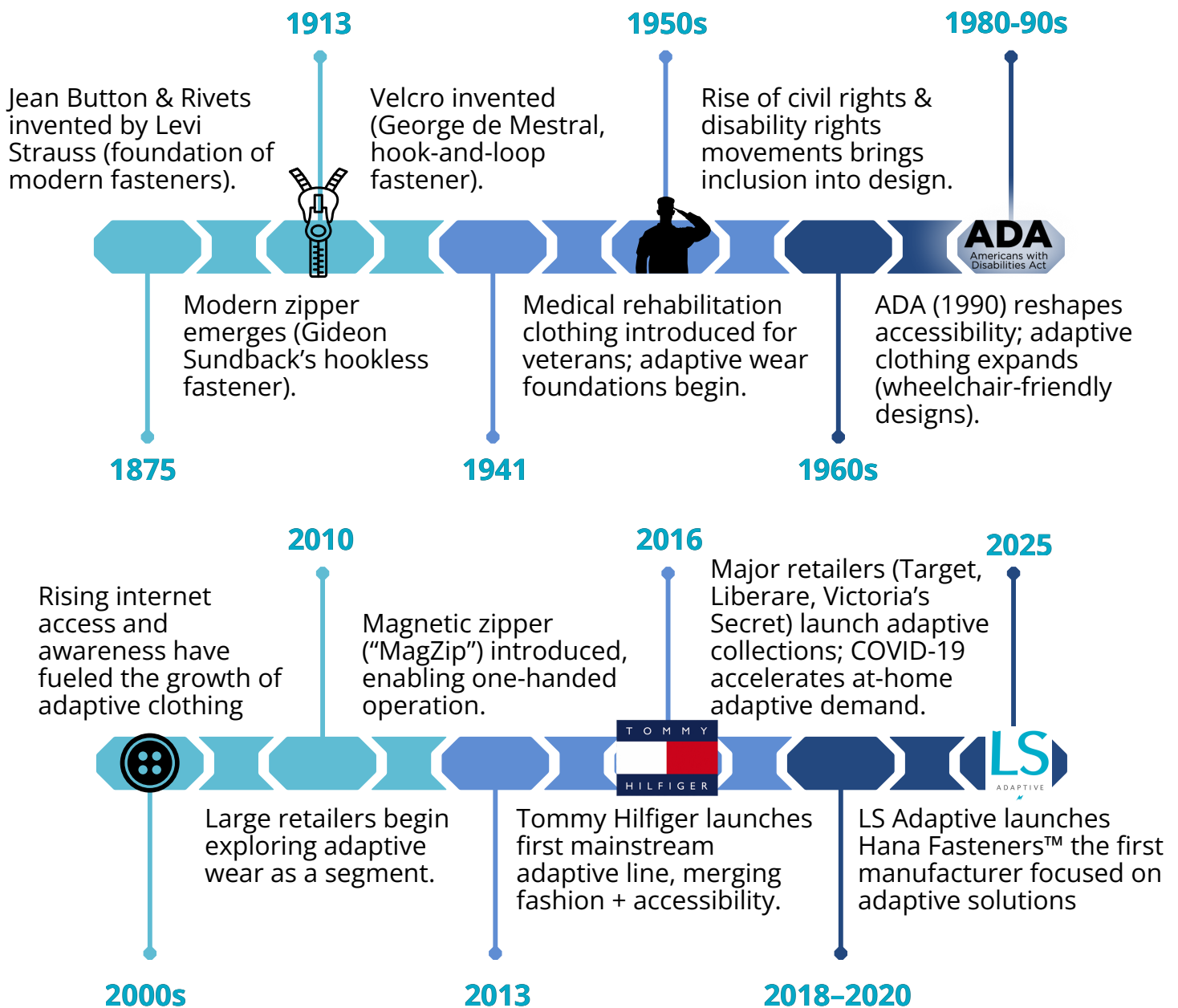
**Dignity**

**Independence**

**Inclusion**

**Quality of Life**

## The History and Future of Adaptive Fashion



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# Save Time and Conserve Energy: Designed to Empower

This is more than our tagline—it's our mission and our promise.

## The Benefits



### **Saves Time:**

Turns a difficult process into a simple routine.



### **Conserves Energy:**

Reduces physical and emotional strain.



### **Restores Autonomy:**

Brings back dignity, confidence, and control.

## Why It Matters



### **Independence:**

Small victories in self-dressing improve daily living and mental well-being.



### **Caregiver Relief:**

Easy-to-use fasteners reduce stress, physical strain, and injury risk.



### **Institutional Impact:**

Homes, hospitals, and care facilities gain efficiency and improve resident satisfaction.



### **Post Op & For All:**

Simplify dressing for anyone recovering or on the go, making getting dressed effortless and empowering everyone.

## Our Commitment:



### **Intentional Design:**

We design apparel solutions for real-world needs—supporting both independent and assisted dressing.



### **Innovation:**

Improving efficiency, confidence, and ease-of-use, our innovation delivers meaningful relief for individuals, caregivers, and care communities alike.

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