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Lingerie As Outerwear — Do or Don't? Roy and Tamblyn Weigh In

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With lots of lingerie-as-clothing on trend for spring, we took the opportunity at the [La Perla](#) presentation (which featured corsets, garters, and lacy briefs) to ask women's opinions about wearing underwear on the outside. Designer Rachel Roy let her underwear peek out at a recent public appearance in Chicago: "Everyone who came to see me was like, 'Oh, I could never wear that,'" Roy explained. "I was like, what about this dress could you not wear? 'Well, you're showing your bra.' And I said, 'Have you not seen *Sex and the City*? I'm not a sample size; I'm a regular woman, and I want to hide everything — I'm showing my bra because it's a distraction from the hips and the gut! Come on, ladies!"



Underwear not shown: Roy.
Photo: Patrick McMullan

Amber Tamblyn was also enthusiastic about the underwear-as-outerwear trend — but explained that she wouldn't be able to pull it off, no matter how hard she tried: "I'd probably be like, 'Hell yeah!' And I would throw on a Scottish beret with that, and it would absolutely terrible. Like, I would put a bra over a kilt, and it would be the worst thing you've ever seen ... If I go too far out, I'm going to seriously look like I belong with the Muppet babies. And ten bloggers would agree that that's true." Well, we'd have to see the look first, Ms. Tamblyn.