**A Brief History of Adaptive Clothing**

1955: Functional Fashions is released onto the market

Fashion designer Helen Cookman and New York Times style editor Virginia Pope create Functional Fashions to address the needs of disabled consumers. Cookman wanted to make clothing that was both fashionable and accessible.

1963: The Rugby Suit

Designer Vera Maxwell releases the Rugby Suit, a tweed suit that included a matching lap robe for wheelchair users. It fastened with "pressure tape," or Velcro as it is known today.

1975: Adaptive Jeans

Levi's releases an accessible pair of jeans that could be ordered by mail. The jeans featured zippers down both legs and a flap on the back for ease of bathroom use.

2017: Tommy Hilfiger

Designer Tommy Hilfiger releases an adaptive line for adults and children. Its tagline is "Designed with and for people with disabilities.”

2019: No Limbits

Erica Cole founds No Limbits; an entirely adaptive clothing brand. No Limbits went on to be on Shark Tank in 2022 and got a deal with Emma Grede; CEO and co-founder of Good American and founding partner of Skims.

2022: Skims Adaptive

Adaptive fashion gets major media attention when Kim Kardashian's Skims brand adds adaptive undergarments to its Fits Everybody line. The pieces feature lay-flat hook and eye closures on the sides.

2023: Girls Chronically Rock

Miami Swim Week features adaptive swimwear on the runway for the first time. Girls Chronically Rock is an adaptive fashion line founded by Keisha Greaves. Her designs were seen in September 2023 at New York Fashion Week.