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Morphing Climbing and Hiking Wear

In many cities in the United States, there is a great emphasis on body image, with some people going to great pains to shape different parts of their anatomy, either shrinking them down or enhancing them through such means as drugs, rubs, wraps, surgeries, tucks, sucks, Internet cures, or magic machines that alter your appearance while you sleep. In Boulder County, we are generally pretty fit and a functional-looking body is, for the most part, the prevailing desirable look.

Nonetheless, we are all a bit susceptible to mass media and the desire it can instill in us to have a certain physical appearance. With that vulnerability in mind, this review of climbing and hiking-oriented products includes many items that are both functional in a performance-oriented way, but that can also add a bit of flare to your appearance. There may be some truth to the saying that if you look good, you'll climb or hike even better.

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Although it won't make your body look larger or smaller, the

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GO CHALK BAG
The purpose of a chalk bag is relative
allows easy access to chalk for dry finger

Mountain Khakis www.mountainkhakis.com

ORIGINAL MOUNTAIN PANT (men's/not pictured)

Mountain Khakis' Original Mountain Pant is a great leg equalizer. Whether you are pencil legged or support yourself with a pair of tree trunks, these industrial-strength, triple-stitched canvas pants will keep you in the normal range. And with a soft cotton feel from the brushed canvas and the action gusset system in the crotch, the Mountain Pant is perfect for cool hiking and climbing, especially given their abrasion resistance. They will be available in Boulder at Neptune Mountaineering and Boulder Army Store this fall.