



Distressed

The grown-up way to go rugged: Avoid huge holes, which can feel disheveled, and keep the rest of your outfit a little dressy.

JEANS H&M, \$39.99. TOP Banana Republic, \$58. BRACELETS Pandora, \$45 and \$50. HEELS Charming Charlie, \$35.



INTO YOUR BEST JEANS EVER

These cute new pairs are so slimming and so flattering, you'll want to do a little two-step when you see yourself in the mirror. They're also so comfy you can do a whole dance routine... or just lounge on the couch without having to unbutton them.

Photographed by Andrew Eccles

Cropped wide-legs

High-waisted ones—worn with a short top to show their full length—actually elongate your legs. Cool trick, right?

JEANS J.Crew, \$135. EARRINGS Wanderlust + Co, \$39 (20% off with code REDBOOK20). TOP LC Lauren Conrad Runway Collection, \$48. HEELS Marc Fisher LTD, \$170.

GO FOR FALL HUES

Rich shades like plum and camel have taken over from the vivid tones of years past. (Burnt orange, like our model is wearing, is on the brightest end of the spectrum.) They read like pants, so are even easier to dress up than your fave blues.

- 1 NYDJ, \$114. Up to size 18.
- 2 Avenue, \$60. Sizes 14 to 32.
- 3 Gloria Vanderbilt, \$40.
- 4 Aeropostale, \$20.
- 5 Ava & Viv, \$29.99. Sizes 16W to 26W.



Colored skinnys
Pair them with an easy but interesting mix of neutrals. Navy top, black jacket, tan heels—they all go together without being matchy.

JEANS Stylus, \$48. TOP Lila Clothing Company, \$44.99. JACKET Armani Exchange, \$220. HEELS AMIClubwear, \$39.99 (45% off with code REDBOOKAMI).

The best pocket for your body

External ones—which are a big trend—call attention to the hip and thigh area: scary. But there is a flattering choice for everyone. Try this if you...



Patch pockets

Braiding on the tops of these and at the waistband feels expensive, and draws eyes up to your cute waist.

JEANS Cotton On, \$20. SWEATER White House Black Market, \$88. Up to size XXL. HEELS Dune London, \$120.



1

...WANT MORE CURVES

Side-set pockets with shiny, slanted buttons visually contour and add fullness to straight and athletic figures.

Jennifer Lopez, \$64; kohls.com. Up to size 18.



2

...HAVE FULL HIPS

Look for a clean, faux finish. Dark thread sewn on the front of these jeans in the shape of a carpenter style gives you the look of an exterior pocket without any of the bulk.

\$68; standardsandpractices.com.



3

...ARE PETITE

While big pockets can overwhelm smaller frames, little ones look proportional.

\$89 (up to size 20), \$99 (sizes 14W to 28W); jjill.com.

MEET OUR MODEL!

Amber Pickens, 23, is a dancer in Cirque du Soleil's Broadway musical *Paramour*.

"I could live in denim," says the Juilliard graduate, who has been dancing since the age of 2. "But it's tough finding jeans that fit my muscular legs and won't hide my curves. Also, I'm always on the move and need ones with plenty of stretch. All of the pairs I wore for this story get my stamp of approval. Especially the jeggings and floaty top here! This outfit reminded me that I don't need a tight dress to feel sexy, just a great pair of jeans."



JEANS THAT WON'T LOSE THEIR SHAPE

Thank you, science!

The fibers in the new Mavi "Indigo Move" jeggings Amber's wearing expand vertically and horizontally. Riders by Lee's "Bounce Back" denim and L.L. Bean's jeans with S Gene technology use high-stretch fibers in their high-performance fabric. The magical result of all three innovations? Jeans with lots of satisfying give that fit years later just like they did in the dressing room.

Jeggings

With real pockets and seams, they look less like leggings, more like the actual thing. But don't worry—they're just as nap-in-able.

JEANS Mavi, \$148. EARRINGS Steve Madden, \$18. TOP Zara, \$39.50. RING Mapleton Drive, \$69. FLATS Louise et Cie, \$139.

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NO-SQUEEZE WAISTBANDS. SO SMART.

All of these jeans have hidden elastic waists (no mumsy gathering or panels on the outside) that keep them from digging into you. But that's not where their virtues end...

1 THE SMOOTHING ONE

The pocket lining extends across the front of the jeans, creating a no-stretch panel that hides bulges. Rafaella, \$65; bonton.com. **Sizes 4 to 22.**



2 THE COZY ONE

This pair is lined with soft sweatshirt material that cuts down on the friction that can cause chafing. \$62 (up to size 18), \$64 (sizes 14W to 24W); lee.com (15% off with code REDBOOK15).



3 THE SLIMMING ONE

Mesh material sewn into the front acts like a built-in tummy shaper. \$59.95 (up to size 16), \$64.95 (sizes 14W to 24W); christopherandbanks.com.



ANOTHER REASON TO WEAR WHITE JEANS ALL YEAR

First of all: Yes, you can. And now you can do so without fear. Old Navy's "Stay White" jeans have stain-resistant technology that lasts through 20 washes. The treated fabric repels liquids and makes any that do set in (whoops, there went the coffee) easier to get out. We say \$44.94 isn't too much to pay for peace of mind.

Match your cuff to your shoes

An effortless fold or roll is the ultimate finishing touch.



THIN AND EVEN WITH BOOTIES

Two or three one-inch folds—whatever gets you to right above your ankle—puts the spotlight on those amazing boots it took you ages to find. **BOOTS** \$118; drschollsshoes.com.



WIDE WITH ATHLETIC SHOES

A really crisp wide cuff (about four inches) lends polish to sneakers or slip-ons. Plus, the stripe of exposed side seam adds interest. **SNEAKERS** \$170; colehaan.com.



A THIN ROLL FOR GIRLY FLATS

A messy, scrunched cuff gives off a tomboyish vibe and creates a fun juxtaposition to ladylike shoes. **FLATS** Crown Vintage, \$49.95; dsw.com.



A BIT MESSY FOR PUMPS

Make a wide cuff, then fold it halfway up from the bottom. Next, fold the top fabric over that; scrunch a little and your office heels are girls'-night ready. **PUMPS** Ivanka Trump, \$135; nordstrom.com.

Hardware

Sleek, black, and with multiple zippers, these are calling your name if you wanna go a little rock star... without struggling into leather pants.

JEANS Nine West, \$79.50. **BOMBER** Oasis, \$115. **T-SHIRT** Joe Fresh, \$19. **BOOTIES** Vince Camuto, \$99.



Patchwork

Clean, tonal blue patches make this formerly rustic trend feel urbane. A denim top and boyish shoes play up their little-bit-country, little-bit-city appeal.

JEANS Tommy Hilfinger, \$170. **SHIRT** Marshalls, \$39.99. **BRACELET** Maslo for Moorea Seal, \$38. **LOAFERS** Andre Assous, \$169.

Embroidered

Sparkle isn't the only way to go fancy. But unlike with glitzy embellishment, colorful intricate needlework won't be over-the-top.

JEANS Gap, \$89.95 (up to size 35). **SHIRT** Draper James, \$245. **HEELS** Zara, \$89.90.

A PATTERN THAT'LL SLIM YOU

The vertical string of diamonds here draws the eye up and down for a slenderizing effect.



Raw hems
Think of unfinished-at-the-bottom styles as the longer, winter-friendly version of effortless, lived-in cutoffs.

JEANS True Religion, \$199.
SWEATER Club Monaco, \$170.
SNEAKERS Nautica, \$128.

KEEP IT SHORT

Fringe on full-length jeans can look sloppy, like you walked them into the ground. On cropped pairs, it's obviously intentional.

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See shopping guide, last pages, for details.

Deconstructed hems 101

From playfully messy to just a little undone, here's what you'll see on racks and what they'll do for you.



1 DESTROYED

Heavily frayed, kinda chopped-up jeans (these are cut on a slant) have the same super-relaxed aura as weekend-only boyfriends.
\$49.95; ae.com.

2 CLEAN-CUT

Wispy, spaced-out threads nail the look but won't feel out of place in a sort-of-nice restaurant on date night.
AG Jeans by Adriano Goldschmied, \$19.99; tjmaxx.tjx.com.

3 RELEASED

Let down a hem and you get this colorblocked effect. These actually *do* have a hem, so they won't fray and are spiffy enough for a casual office.
\$80; whbm.com.

MAKE YOUR FOOTWEAR COUNT

Just because more of your shoe will be covered up by flares doesn't mean they don't matter. The right pairs have standout features like these.



1

POINTY-TOE HEELS

The toes should peek out from your jeans just enough to make a sharp statement. Pick single-sole styles; platforms can come off clunky.
HEELS SoMe, \$35.10; gojane.com (20% off with code REDBOOK).

2

KILTIE LOAFER

Unlike delicate ballet flats, a substantial flat with detail near the toe won't vanish under your hem.
LOAFERS \$118; ghbass.com.

3

STACKED-HEEL BOOTS

From behind, thin heels can make it look like you're walking on stilts. Wider ones feel more proportional. Oh, and no more than a quarter inch of them should show.
BOOTS \$140; aldshoes.com.



Flared
Fitted through the thigh with a small bell at the bottom, these make any figure look great.

JEANS Tractr, \$88. **TOP** Prince & Fox, \$20. **NECKLACE** Beck Jewels, \$78 (20% off with code REDBOOK20). **BOOTS** Call It Spring, \$79.99.