

Ditch the Denim

Take a temporary denim detour into looser fitting pants

By:

It is time for a denim intermission. A pair of denim jeans is the classic article of clothing.

However, jeans can be uncomfortable and difficult to find the best fitting pair. Give your legs a breather.

By 2017, we have seen all variations of denim from washes, rises, hems, rips, patterns, embroidery, even leggings that look like denim. It seems unnecessary to inform about new denim trends, when there is nothing distinctive enough to inform.

Cigarette trousers are relaxed, but slim fitting pants, hemmed just above the ankle. They can be an easy transition from posh to casual. The tapered styled pants can be dressed down in loafers, ballet flats and sneakers for a retro look, or dressed up with heels. Cigarette trousers were prominent in Oscar de la Renta's fall/winter 2017 collection. The designer presented the trousers in every hue through color-blocking and color-contrasting.

What was once a medieval man's breeches, is the modern-day woman's culottes. Culottes are loose, cropped pants, hemmed mid-calf. These pants have full legs, designed to hang like a skirt — a split skirt. High-rise culottes will flatter the waist, cinching for support. This style was active in Fendi's fall/winter 2016 collection as the brand displayed oversized culottes balanced with heavy tops.

Palazzo pants are loose, wide-legged pants and hemmed to the ground. Opening Ceremony's fall/winter 2017 collection futuristically presented these dramatic pants in glistening, metallic fabrics paired with a belt for shape. High-waisted palazzos will elongate the legs.

Corduroy pants are revitalizing from the 70s. The warm, durable fabric is prime for fall and winter. Prada's fall/winter 2017 collection paired corduroy pants with musty, burnt colored garments. The vertically lined fabric is comfortable and practical. Besides the traditional tan, corduroy is made in all colors.

Velvet pants are continuing its recent comeback from the 90s. Velvet is thick and dense, ideal for the colder months. Jeremy Scott included flared velvet pants in his fall/winter 2017 collection, displayed in vibrant colors. Velvet is luxurious. Pair these pants with different textures and fancy shoes to live out the rich fabric.

Wear these already-bold garments in loud colors. Preferably in the color of the fall season: red.

Comment [1]: You could add something about how "denim can wait" somewhere in the introduction or conclusion.

Comment [2]: Moving this to the end of the paragraph would make the statement more powerful. Something like "Give your legs a breather: it's time for a denim intermission."

Comment [3]: Elaborating a bit more about jeans would help strengthen your introduction. Maybe give an example of how some people can't wait to take them off at the end of the day or something like that!

Comment [4]: Instead of talking about informing, you could say something about how the trends have been recycled and there isn't enough variation or new ideas.

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Comment [5]: Moving this to be after the 1st sentence of this paragraph would make a little more sense.

Comment [6]: You could add what type of shoes these pants pair well with.

Comment [7]: Delete this sentence and add "luxurious" after "rich" in the next sentence.

Comment [8]: "...the rich, luxurious fabric."

Comment [9]: Re-phrasing this section would be helpful in staying consistent with VIM's "don't tell the reader what to do" voice. Maybe provide more of an incentive to wear them in bold colors in addition to red being a good fall color — maybe going ice skating or something like that? Having the reader visualize themselves doing fun activities in the pants would make them want to wear them more.