

## Forever in Blue Jeans

In fashion, there are few **articles** of clothing as **versatile** as [blue jeans](#). For decades, they've been the **universal** symbol of **cool**. Men can pair them with a plain white T-shirt and sunglasses to get a classic **all-American** look. Or, women can match them with a [blouse](#) to create the perfect party **outfit**. When it comes to **all-purpose** pants, nothing beats a pair of jeans.

Jeans are made of a cotton **twill** textile called [denim](#). The way denim is woven together gives jeans their toughness. It seems a bit **ironic** that this **eternal** fashion **staple** actually started in the mines of 19th century America, and not on the **catwalk**. In fact, jeans were specially designed for manual laborers, as the fabric can **withstand** plenty of **wear and tear**. But **over time**, jeans gained popularity with the general public. In the 1950s, they became a symbol of **rebellion** for teens, after [James Dean](#) wore them in his classic film [Rebel Without a Cause](#). In the 1980s, jeans were transformed into **high fashion** clothing, when designers like [Jordache](#) and [Calvin Klein](#) **tailored** them and created different **variations** in search of the perfect fit.

Today, people love jeans more than ever. They **come in** every color imaginable and have **stylish** designs with **patches** and logos. To add a **rough edge** to your appearance, you can buy a pair that's [stonewashed](#) or already ripped. The choice is up to you. Regardless of which brand you choose, a good pair of jeans will never **cramp** your style.

— by Jamie Blackler

### Vocabulary

**article** [ˈɑːtɪkəl] n. 物品；商品

**versatile** [ˈvɜːsətl̩] adj. 多功能的

**universal** [ˌjuːnəˈvɜːsl̩] adj. 普遍的；一般的

**blouse** [blaʊz] (妇女，儿童等的) n. 短上衣，短衫

**outfit** [ˈaʊtˌfɪt] n. (尤指在特殊场合穿的) 全套服装

**all-purpose**: 多用途的 having many purposes or uses

**twill** [twɪl] n. 斜纹布；斜纹织品

**ironic** [aɪˈrɒnɪk] adj. 讽刺的

**staple** [ˈsteɪpl̩] n. 主要商品；日常必需品

**catwalk** [ˈkætˌwɔːk] n. 伸展台 (模特儿走秀时使用的舞台)

**rebellion** [rɪˈbɛljən] n. 反叛

**patch**: [pætʃ] n. 补丁，补片；贴片 a piece of material used to mend a garment or to make patchwork

**cramp**: [kræmp] v. 限制 to affect with or as if with a cramp

### More Information

**variation** [ˌvɛəriˈeɪʃən] n. 变化

**withstand** [wɪðˈstænd] v. 禁得起

## Idiom

**all-American:** 典型美国人的 representative of the people of the United States or their ideals; typically American

**wear and tear:** 磨损 loss, damage, or depreciation resulting from ordinary use and exposure

**over time:** 随着时间的过去 throughout a period of time

**high fashion** (服装的)最新款式 another name for haute couture

**come in:** 呈现制造或贩卖各种货色 to perform or function in a particular way

**rough edge:** 粗旷 if a person has rough edges, they do not always behave well and politely