



INDIGO GIRLS OF 2016

Some of *THR*'s 25 Most Powerful Stylists answer that most pressing of fashion questions: What jeans should I buy? By Carol McColgin

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CITIZENS OF HUMANITY
Penny Lovell, whose clients include Anne Hathaway and Rose Byrne, favors the Corey Slouchy jean, a slimmed boyfriend fit; \$328, citizensofhumanity.com

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MOTHER
"I do not live in jeans, but when I wear denim, it's Mother!" says Cate Blanchett's stylist Elizabeth Stewart. The Runaway in Clean Sweep (with Lycra for stretch); \$198, motherdenim.com

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AMO
"I love my AMO Babe jeans," says Kate Young, who dresses Natalie Portman and Sienna Miller. Babe in '70s Blue; \$253, at The Line, theline.com

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R13
Jennifer Lopez's pro Mariel Haenn, half of the styling duo Rob & Mariel, wears R13's angled fly for something avant-garde. X-Over in Dark Vintage; \$395, at Barneys New York

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INDUSTRY STANDARD
"The fit and comfort make them wearable for work and play," says Brie Larson's stylist Cristina Ehrlich of the L.A.-made label. Margot Highrise skinny jean; \$115, industrystandardny.com

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FRAME
Emma Stone's glam guru Petra Flannery says Frame is her "go-to" for a superslim fit (the brand's also a favorite of Lupita Nyong'o's stylist Micaela Erlanger). Le High Skinny in Sayville; \$219, frame-store.com

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J BRAND
"J Brand's Maria jeans — always!" says Ilaria Urbinati (see sidebar). Maria High Rise in After Dark; \$188, jbrandjeans.com

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LEVI'S
Distressed Levi's are a must for Justin Bieber's stylist Karla Welch and Naomi Watts' stylist Jeanann Williams. Vintage Clothing 1967 Customized 505; \$278, levis.com

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M.I.H
"The 'Phoebe' style is pure genius," says Erin Walsh, who works with Sarah Jessica Parker. Midrise, slouch Phoebe boyfriend jean; \$260, us.mih-jeans.com

Dude Denim: 'No Weird Bullshit'



WHEN IT COMES TO THE man-jean scene these days, stylist Ilaria Urbinati says guys are going for "slim over skinny," favoring styles that "aren't quite as painted-on." Even with wiggle room, though, it's important to maintain a narrow fit at the hem: "Unlike suit pants, which we usually tailor with half a break to no break, on jeans a little length works as long as they're quite tapered at the ankle," says Urbinati, whose go-to styles for such clients as Bradley Cooper, Chris Evans, Tom Hiddleston and Rami Malek include J Brand, Acne and Simon Miller ("for a looser silhouette").

Also trending is the "carrot cut," a style that's extra slouchy in the crotch and thigh area but narrow at the bottom. "Levi's is doing a good version that's only sold at Josh Peskowitz's new store, Magasin," in Culver City, says the stylist.

With washes, the pendulum has swung the other way: In contrast to a few years ago, when guys lived in raw denim, there's increased demand for "softer, broken-in jeans" and vintage-style selvedge (Re/Dun's and Levi's versions are popular). Comfort remains king. "Every guy I dress — big or small, tall or short — loves J Brand's Tyler in the Harper wash because it feels like they're wearing sweatpants," says Urbinati. "They'll even request them for long flights." Bottom line, today's jean is comfortable yet slim and a little broken in but with "no weird bullshit," she adds: "No whiskers, creative washes, bad stitching or oversize back pockets with crazy logos — just say no." — C.M.



J BRAND
Brooks skinny trouser in Eiffel Tower; \$178 (available this fall), jbrandjeans.com

ACNE
Town slim-fit washed denim jean; \$280, mrporter.com



LEVI'S
Tailorshop 501 x Magasin jeans; \$295, at Magasin, Culver City

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