

Why Is Everyone in Destroyed Denim?



A-listers have ditched their sleek skinnies for shredded boyfriend jeans. We tell you why this, why now

The Celebrity Stylist Says

“As the temperatures begin to rise, stars are opting for overly ripped denim because they have the comfort and coverage of jeans but the airiness of shorts,” says celebrity stylist Madison Guest, who has dressed clients like Victoria Justice in totally tattered denim. And relaxed jeans with huge holes allow stars to look sexy without sacrificing comfort. “The look shows enough skin to give the same risqué feel as formfitting jeans without the enclosed and confining fit,” Guest says. Plus, the large tears have a less lived-in, more intentional vibe, which gives the style extra DIY edge. Since baggy shredded bottoms can skew sloppy, Guest advises pairing them with feminine pieces like LeAnn’s plunging lace-up top or Chrissy’s strappy sandals for a fabulously flirty finish.

The Designer Says

“Fashion looks to the past for inspiration, and as designers, we know that you can’t get more vintage than a pair of worn-out jeans,” says Marlow Fox, creative director of Wild Blue Denim, a favorite of celebs. She adds that when designing, the XL holes are strategically placed not only to mimic “wear and tear” but also to highlight the most alluring parts of a woman’s legs.

The Psychologist Says

In Hollywood — where there’s fierce competition over who can accumulate the most status symbols like expensive cars, jewels and clothes — some women are switching gears and going in reverse, says Michael Solomon, a consumer psychologist in Philadelphia. “Ripped jeans are more than just a sneaky way to bare some skin,” he notes. “They signal a world-weary view that ridicules convention.” And by avoiding status symbols, stars end up achieving a different kind of too-cool-to-care status.

Celebs Amp Up the Sexy in Street-Style Ripped Jeans



HILARY DUFF
Hints of skin from the ripped thigh and knees of the *Younger* star’s destroyed GRLFRND x REVOLVE jeans add a shot of #hawt to her cazh-cool getup.

LEANN RIMES

JAMIE CHUNG

KOURTNEY KARDASHIAN

GIGI HADID

CHRISSY TEIGEN
Talk about one hot mama! The model’s wide-brim hat, black blazer and killer strappies add feminine flair to her cuffed ripped jeans.

FROM LEFT: GETTY (4), SPLASH (2)

