

# Pants

## Trousers

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Shorts are similar to trousers, but with legs that come down only as far as the knee, but may be considerably shorter depending on the style of the garment. To distinguish them from shorts, trousers may be called "long trousers" in certain contexts such as school uniform, where tailored shorts may be called "short trousers" in the UK.

The oldest known trousers, dating to the period between the thirteenth and the tenth centuries BC, were found at the Yanghai cemetery in Turpan, Xinjiang (Tocharia), in present-day western China. Made of wool, the trousers had straight legs and wide crotches and were likely made for horseback riding. A pair of trouser-like leggings dating back to 3350 and 3105 BC were found in the Austria–Italy border worn by Ötzi. In most of Europe, trousers have been worn since ancient times and throughout the Medieval period, becoming the most common form of lower-body clothing for adult males in the modern world. Breeches were worn instead of trousers in early modern Europe by some men in higher classes of society. Distinctive formal trousers are traditionally worn with formal and semi-formal day attire. Since the mid-twentieth century, trousers have increasingly been worn by women as well.

Jeans, made of denim, are a form of trousers for casual wear widely worn all over the world by people of both genders. Shorts are often preferred in hot weather or for some sports and also often by children and adolescents. Trousers are worn on the hips or waist and are often held up by buttons, elastic, a belt or suspenders (braces). Unless elastic, and especially for men, trousers usually provide a zippered or buttoned fly. Jeans usually feature side and rear pockets with pocket openings placed slightly below the waist band. It is also possible for trousers to provide cargo pockets further down the legs.

Maintenance of fit is more challenging for trousers than for some other garments. Leg-length can be adjusted with a hem, which helps to retain fit during the adolescent and early adulthood growth years. Tailoring adjustment of girth to accommodate weight gain or weight loss is relatively limited, and otherwise serviceable trousers might need to be replaced after a significant change in body composition. Higher-quality trousers often have extra fabric included in the centre-back seam allowance, so the waist can be let out further.

## SpongeBob SquarePants

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Many of the series' ideas originated in *The Intertidal Zone*, an unpublished educational comic book Hillenburg created in 1989 to teach his students about undersea life. Hillenburg joined Nickelodeon in 1992 as an artist on *Rocko's Modern Life*. After *Rocko* was cancelled in 1996, he began developing *SpongeBob SquarePants* into a television series, and in 1997, a seven-minute pilot was pitched to Nickelodeon. The network's executives wanted *SpongeBob* to be a child in school, but Hillenburg preferred *SpongeBob* to be an adult character. He was prepared to abandon the series, but compromised by creating Mrs. Puff and her boating school so *SpongeBob* could attend school as an adult.

*SpongeBob SquarePants* has received widespread critical acclaim, with praise to its characters, surreal humor, writing, visuals, animation, Hawaiian soundtrack, and music, with the show's first three seasons often referred to as its "golden era". However, the series has also received criticism for a perceived decline in quality, particularly after Hillenburg departed from the series starting with the show's fourth season onward. It is considered to be one of the greatest animated series of all time. The series was an immediate hit for Nickelodeon, beating *Pokémon* as the highest-rated and most viewed animated Saturday Morning program from its premiere onward in 1999. From then onward, *SpongeBob SquarePants* continued to be Nickelodeon's highest-rated program, only getting surpassed briefly in viewership several times throughout its run. *SpongeBob SquarePants* has won a variety of awards including six Annie Awards, eight Golden Reel Awards, four Emmy Awards, two BAFTA Children's Awards, and a record-breaking twenty-two Kids' Choice Awards. The show has been noted as a cultural touchstone for Millennials and Generation Z, becoming ubiquitous with internet culture and spawning many viral internet memes.

The series has ran for fifteen seasons, its fifteenth being confirmed in September 2023, and premiering in July 2024. A sixteenth season premiered on June 27, 2025. *SpongeBob* is the fourth longest-running American animated series in history, and the longest-running American children's animated series as of 2025, surpassing PBS Kids' *Arthur*. The series' popularity has made it a multimedia franchise, and Paramount Skydance's most profitable intellectual property. By 2019, it had generated over \$13 billion in merchandising revenue. Since its debut, it has inspired five theatrical feature films (starting with *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* in 2004), two feature films for streaming, a Broadway musical, a comic book series, and video games. The series eventually expanded into spin-off series, with a CGI-series *Kamp Koral: SpongeBob's Under Years* and traditionally-animated series *The Patrick Star Show* both premiering in 2021, while the former ended in July 2024.

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Thai fisherman pants are very similar to the traditional attire of Intha and Shan males, the former of whom live on Inle Lake of Myanmar. They are known in Burmese as shan baung-mi (????????????).

## Capri pants

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Capri pants (also known as three quarter legs, or capris, crop pants, man-pris, clam-diggers, flood pants, ankle pants, jams, highwaters, or toreador pants) are pants that are longer than shorts, but are not as long as trousers. Capri pants can be a generic term for any cropped slim pants, and used as a specific term to refer to pants that end on the ankle bone.

## Pantsing

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Pantsing is a more common prank and occurs mainly in schools. Some U.S. colleges before World War II were the scenes of large-scale "depantsing" scraps between freshman and sophomore males, often involving more than 2,000 participants. It is also an initiation rite in fraternities and seminaries. It was cited in 1971 by Gail Sheehy as a form of assault against grade school girls, which did not commonly get reported, although it might include improper touching and indecent exposure by the perpetrators. The United States legal system has prosecuted it as a form of sexual harassment of children.

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## Sagging (fashion)

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Sagging is a manner of wearing trousers that sag so that the top of the trousers or jeans is significantly below the waist, sometimes revealing much of the wearer's underpants.

Sagging is predominantly a male fashion. Women's wearing of low-rise jeans to reveal their G-string underwear (the "whale tail") is not generally described as sagging. A person wearing sagging trousers is sometimes called a "sagger", and in some countries this practice is known as "low-riding".

## Slim-fit pants

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Slim-fit pants or skinny jeans (when made of denim) are tight trousers that have a snug fit through the legs and end in a small leg opening that can be anywhere from 9" to 20" in circumference, depending on size. Other names for this style include drainpipes, stovepipes, tight pants, cigarette pants, pencil pants, skinny pants, gas pipes, skinnies, and tight jeans.

Skinny pants taper completely at the bottom of the leg, whereas drainpipes are skinny but then the lower leg is straight instead of tapering and so they are often slightly baggier at the bottom of the leg than skinny jeans. In some very skinny styles, zippers are needed at the bottom of the leg to facilitate pulling them over the feet because the leg opening is so small. Stretch denim, with anywhere from 2% to 4% spandex, may be used to allow jeans to have a "super-slim fit". Skinny jeans come in a variety of colors and styles.

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Harem pants or harem trousers are baggy, long pants caught in at the ankle. Early on, the style was also called a harem skirt. Inspired by Middle East clothing styles, especially şalvar (Turkish trousers), so-called 'harem pants/skirts' were introduced to Western fashion by designers such as Paul Poiret around 1910. The term 'harem pants' subsequently became popular in the West as a generic term for baggy trousers caught in at the ankle that suggest the Turkish style, or similar styles such as bloomers, the South Asian shalwar and patiala salwar; the Bosnian dimije; sirwal (as worn by Zouaves); and the Ukrainian sharovary.

## Cargo pants

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Cargo pants or cargo trousers, also sometimes called combat pants or combat trousers after their original purpose as military workwear, are loosely cut pants originally designed for rough work environments and outdoor activities, distinguished by numerous large utility pockets.

Cargo shorts are a short version of the cargo pants, with the legs usually extending down to near-knee lengths.

Both cargo pants and shorts have since become popular as urban casual wear, since they are loose-fitting and quite convenient for carrying extra items.

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