

**The
Ten
Best**

Jeans

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Lofli

◆ Jennifer Aniston wore these in 'He's Just Not That Into You', so they won't be hanging around on shop shelves for long. This lovely soft denim stretches in all the right places, but doesn't bag or dig in. Hard-wearing and flattering.

Price: £165
www.asos.com



Uniqlo

◆ Uniqlo has a huge selection of inexpensive jeans, from pink skinnies to white boot-cuts, but these blue coloured skinny jeans are my favourite for spring. They are made from supersoft denim, and will look great worn with leather sandals or pumps.

Price: £24.99
www.uniqlo.co.uk



**Best
Budget
Buy**

Edwin

◆ Duffy and Amy Winehouse have been spotted in worn tight, cropped jeans recently, so give these Mary Sue jeans a try. They have a natural-looking faded patina on the thighs and would look great worn with a Fifties or Sixties-style sun top.

Price: £70
0207 033 4098



**Best
Buy**

Gap

◆ Gap's new style this season is the skinny flare. These stretchy, comfortable jeans are incredibly flattering and a welcome relief from the skin-tight, muffin-baring look of the past couple of years. They make your bum look smaller and don't cost an arm and a leg - what more could you ask for?

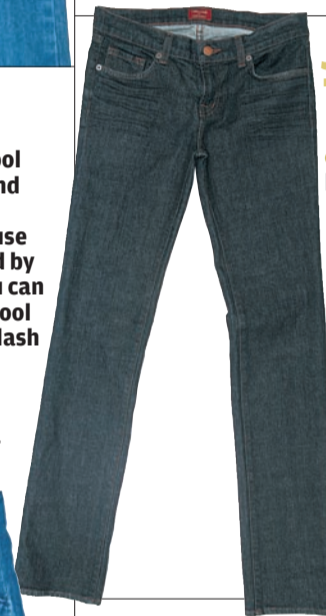
Price: £39.50
0800 427 7898



Acne

◆ Swedish brand Acne is the cool denim label of the moment, and its latest collaboration with legendary French fashion house Lanvin has been well received by press and public alike. So you can rest assured you will be too cool for school if you decide to splash out on these white striped jeans from Liberty.

Price: £170
From Liberty 020 7734 1234



J Brand for Topshop

◆ Fancy some designer jeans but can't quite stretch the budget this month? Fear not, Topshop has come to the rescue with its new collaboration with New York denim legend, J Brand. These dark indigo, straight-legged jeans have the same ironed-in crease details on the hips, so only you will know the truth. And your bank manager!

Price: £89
0845 121 4519

Luella

◆ If you already have hundreds of pairs of blue jeans, then treat yourself to these natty, pink and dark grey striped ones by Luella. Wear with a little blazer and black brogues for a rock'n'roll vibe, or with an Eighties T-shirt.

Price: £135
From Liberty 020 7734 1234



Toast

◆ Although not strictly denim, these cotton sailor trousers come in a denim wash that would fool even the sharpest fashion eye. The nautical look will be a big trend for the summer, so if you can't face the thought of squeezing into skinnies, slip these on and breathe a sigh of relief. Literally.

Price: £95
www.toast.co.uk



Seven For All Mankind

◆ Pale blue jeans are big this season, but if you can't face Eighties acid wash, rips or safety pins, these could be your middle ground. Although straight and narrow, they aren't unflattering thanks to the high waistband and lower cut at the front, and won't scare small children either.

Price: £155
0207 823 9500



**Best
Luxury
Buy**



J Brand

◆ You'll get good value for money with these hard-wearing jeans. They fit snugly around the bottom and make your legs look longer. Perfect for the off-duty model look.

Price: £160
From Triology
020 7730 6515

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We Love Mango

The Spanish store has come over all Gallic this spring, with Julia Roitfeld - the eye-achingly beautiful daughter of French Vogue's Carine Roitfeld - featuring in their ad campaign. With this sort of fashion royalty giving their seal of approval, we recommend hot-footing it down there to have a look for yourself. Blouse £35 and jeans £38, mango.com.



We're Not Sure Lagolfista.co.uk

The fashion desk are maddened by any word with the suffix 'ista', so lagolfista.co.uk is a dream come true. Everyone knows golfwear is ugly, and we're not saying you should wear Comme des Garçons on the fairway, but there's no excuse for buying a jumper like this, even if you get a hole in (your old) one.



We're Buying Jigsaw Online

Classy high street favourites Jigsaw have just launched their online shop, so it's easier than ever to browse, perchance to buy. This dress caught our attention - it'll do for work and play, and has a gorgeous retro shape. Log on now! Dress £145, jigsaw-online.com



We Can't Wait For A Little Piece Of Mind

For a new spin on home-maker chic, check out alittlepieceofmind.org. Giles and Boudicca are two of 86 designers involved in the project, for which each label has submitted a fabric swatch to be made into a patchwork quilt. These will be auctioned to raise money for charity. They're on show in London this week, before going to Glasgow later in the month.



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