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Tear-Away Pants
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You might recognize these pants from the athletic phenomenon of the 90's. The tear-away pants originated from athletic activities and the gym, but has made its way to the outside world, like many of its athleisure brothers and sisters. It is a variation of *the sweatpant*, and is often made with nylon or polyester materials. Probably the most recognizable feature of the tear-away pants is the snap fasteners running down the sides of both legs (i.e. the component that makes it possible to “tear-away” or “tear-off” the pants).

Be it a blessing or a curse, everything in fashion is resurrected at some point. It's a cycle, and what goes



Trousers by Zara

around, comes around. So why do we love the tear-away pants so much, other than for their obvious nostalgic quality? Well, there are a few reasons.

1. They're Oddly Satisfying

You know the sensation you get when popping bubble wrap—the *satisfaction*. That's a lot like snapping and

unsnapping the fasteners on the sides of tear-aways. It's oddly gratifying and great for a fidgeter. However, we suggest you snap in private, as the incessant popping may irritate those around you and the state of undress may be looked upon negatively.

2. They're Great For Showing Some Leg

Thanks to the cold weather, ankles have been wrapped, bundled and hidden away from the elements. Having the wind cut sharply at your bare ankles could easily cause a reenactment of Achilles' fall. When you get indoors unfasten one or two snaps from the bottom of each leg to create a window to some skin. The Tory Sport tear-away pants have a minimal and sleek design, but when the snaps are open a fun contrasting lining is revealed. As with any showing of leg, the higher you "unsnap" the more risqué your outfit will be. Wearer discretion is advised.



Pants by Tory Sport

3. They Give Instant Gratification

Have you ever come home from a long day at work and just flopped onto your bed, too exhausted to lift another finger? The only thing better than this scenario, is doing it without pants. With only one foot in the door you can swipe off your pants with little effort and in one fluid motion.

Some tear-away pants are now designed for their visual aesthetic rather than their functionality, so it is key to check one particular feature. Do the snaps run through the waistband? If yes, then great, rip away. If they don't and the waistband is solid you may be thoroughly disappointed, and will have to remove the pants the same drab way as any other.

We've hand-picked some tear-away styles just for you.

The Professional

If you think this is an item, you need to wear to work. Look no further. These [Zara](#) tear-away trousers mean business.

The Minimalist

These [Tory Sport](#) tear-aways have a subtle stripe down the side of each leg and a hidden message in the lining. Not big into all white pants, it also comes in a navy blue version.

The Bargain Shopper

Want a more affordable option? These [Forever21](#) tear-away pants are perfect for the price-conscious.

The Sporty One

Take the tear-away pants back to their athletic roots with this [Urban Outfitters](#) option.



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