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DEAR KEN AND PIXIE

Your style questions answered!



Look at the pictures. What is each an example of? Match the descriptions with the pictures. a. mixing old and new b. mixing baggy and slim c. mixing colors and patterns

All of your questions this week are about mixing and matching styles, patterns, and colors.



Dear Ken and Pixie,
I'm reading a lot about how to mix prints in the latest fashion magazines. But when I wear different prints together, I look silly. What's the trick?
– *Mixed-up*

Dear Mixed-up,
It's not difficult to wear different prints together. Find the similarity in each item of clothing you want to wear. Mix two or three items with the same background color, like white or another neutral color. Mix a large print with a small one. Mix similar patterns, like stripes with plaid. But if you don't feel comfortable in it, don't wear it!



Dear Ken and Pixie,
In college, I wore vintage clothes, but now I'm 30 and need a modern look. How can I wear vintage styles without looking outdated?
– *Oldie but Goodie*

Dear Oldie but Goodie,
Vintage clothing is always in! But mix it with something new for a modern look. Wear a vintage shirt with pants. Pair an old belt with a new bag. Wear vintage shoes with new jeans. But sometimes you need to alter the clothes. For example, take a baggy vintage skirt and make it slim, or cut the shoulder pads out of a vintage jacket.



Dear Ken and Pixie,
I'm seeing both baggy pants and skinny pants on the designer runways. Also, short pants and long pants. What's in style?
– *Confused Carrie*

Dear Confused Carrie,
It's all in style! For pants, anything goes this year. The trick is to wear something on top that is the opposite of the style of the pants. So, if you're wearing baggy pants, try a slim shirt. If slim pants are your thing, wear a baggy sweater. Short pants? Try funky shoes. Wear long pants with your shirt tucked in and a belt.

A Read the webpage. Find the words in *italics* in the text. Then match each word with its meaning.

..... 1. *neutral*	a. not in style
..... 2. *vintage*	b. change
..... 3. *outdated*	c. slim
..... 4. *alter*	d. from the past but still in style
..... 5. *baggy*	e. without strong color
..... 6. *skinny*	f. loose fitting

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