How to wear Jumpsuits

YOU MIGHT SAY IT'S THE ULTIMATE GARMENT. Rivalling the dress for ease and with all the comfort of pants and charm of perfectly paired separates, the jumpsuit is endlessly versatile. Conceived in 1919 by Italian designer Thayaht and hailed for its androgynous flair, it's since found fans in all corners, from early aviators, to rock stars (kudos, David Bowie), to the couture crowd.

Slim, loose, cropped, wide-legged, rendered in block colours, florals and everything in between, current trends cater to all aesthetics. Regardless, the right fit is crucial. Wear a belt to define your waist and avoid catsuit connotations by shunning anything too tight. Pick a printed version, slouchy cut or heavy fabric to disguise untoned areas. And remember, the true magic of the jumpsuit lies in its lengthening effect; capitalise on this by seeking a tapered leg and adding pointy-toed heels in the same shade.

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- Black is ideal for evening and provides a blank canvas for accessories. Try a standout belt and clutch (think brights or metallics) or a statement necklace.
- Add a blazer for the office, a denim jacket after hours or juxtapose a floaty fabric with a leather moto jacket.
- For a carefree weekend ensemble, wear a jumpsuit with a drawstring waist, turn up your cuffs and slip on some sandals.
- Create a boho vibe by pairing a wide-leg version with wedges.
- The boilersuit trend is spot on for lovers of masculine tailoring. Team with ankle boots and an oversized tote, or brogues and a cross-body bag.

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World jumpsuit, $699.

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Ruby jumpsuit, $299.

Helen Cherry jumpsuit, $539.

Liam jumpsuit, $289.