

# 90s Takeover



If you were born in the early 90s like I was, you might find it a bit difficult to wrap your head around the fact that the 90s were not 10 years ago. We're rapidly approaching our 30s now and if you were a 90s kid you must remember what was trendy back then and you may just be surprised seeing those trends crop up again in 2016.

History repeats itself and that's why it's no surprise that things like fashion, makeup, hairstyles, and even jewellery from decades ago are making a comeback these days. Being fashion-savvy doesn't always mean always coming up with futuristic designs and pushing forward. It means revisiting the past over and over and borrowing mainstays from bygone times and integrating them into our modern day looks.

Chokers, especially the black tattoo-style ones, came back in fashion sometime in the last couple of years and suddenly every jewellery shop started stocking them, in different styles. They're versatile – you can get chokers in varying widths and made of a number of materials, from elegant gold coils to gothic-style velvet ones. There's no shortage of necklace styles yet and chokers have remained a favourite. With regards to makeup, deep berry shades were prominent lip colours back in the 90s and dark lips are definitely back on the scene now. It can safely be assumed dark vampy makeup will never go out of style, and it's a look that can be worn without going over the top gothic. It's not just berry shades either – browns were also popular and today we have different shades of brown, ranging from deep chocolate to lighter beige hues.

Grunge music emerged and gained popularity in the 80s and 90s and paved the way for a specific style, involving flannel shirts, Converse trainers, and tousled hair. Flannel shirts are very much in nowadays, and can be worn with a t-shirt and jeans, dresses, or even tied around the waist to give off that low maintenance/minimal effort vibe. Stock up on a few flannel shirts in different colours to make your outfits of the day look effortlessly cool.

Denim jackets are another thing associated with the 90s. Double denim was considered to be a massive faux pas, yet these days you can easily pull off a light blue denim jacket with a smart blouse underneath, coupled with a pair of dark



jeans, and you won't have anyone reporting you to the fashion police. Denim jackets go well with short dresses, maxi dresses, as well as with tops and skirts or jeans. There are some excellent quality denim jackets available in Doja Market for very reasonable prices, and it's worth purchasing a few in different shades to keep as wardrobe staples for the winter months.

Speaking of denim, high-waisted jeans were as fashionable then as they are now. They make your legs appear longer and accentuate your curves, and they're flattering for any shape or size. When teamed up with the right top or blouse and a killer pair of heels, you can achieve the perfect vintage-meets-modern look. They can be adapted to any look – for example, a dark pair of high-waisted jeans with a smart blouse and tailored blazer is perfect for semi-formal wear, while you can pair a t-shirt with ripped denim or acid washed high-waisted jeans for a more casual look. And who can forget those oversized denim overalls that characterised the 90s? They may be a little frumpy to wear these days but luckily there are overalls available

that are more flattering, and more figure-hugging – ideal for summer outfits.

We see trends from the past, going as far back as the 20s thanks to the Great Gatsby, continuously being brought back into the foreground. These days wearing something reminiscent of the past won't make you look outdated, and the fact that these trends make comebacks all the time gives us the confidence to dress however we want.

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