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Add Some Edge to Your Look with the Best Rock 'n' Roll-Inspired Denim for Fall

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No one gently perspires in denim like **Debbie Harry**, no one shriek-inducingly gyrates their hips in denim like **Mick Jagger**, and no one headbangs in denim with as much awe-inspiring angst as **Kurt Cobain**. After all, no one dons denim quite like a rockstar. The proof is in the years of wear and tear: Those who manhandle a microphone or create those quaking guitar riffs for a living tend to have a knack for making the well-worn true blues their own. And with a plethora of rock-derived styles ranging from deliberate distressing to plenty of patches—who better to look at for denim inspiration for the season ahead?

Take it from the members of The Rolling Stones, who spent the seventies in stylish, personal iterations on the classics, from **Keith Richards's** stage-skimming flares (replete with a wispy, frayed hem from dragging on the floor) to the liberties Mick Jagger took with creative cuffing (a thick, double roll). Or take a gander at the members of Fleetwood Mac, most notably **Stevie Nicks** and the bohemian sway of her flares.

Prefer your denim dark and to the point? Consider punk icons like Joe Strummer of The Clash, whose drainpipes were the hardcore and less polite version of the skinny jean. The uniform-wearing members of The Ramones followed suit in the same rough-and-tough style of denim—always topped off with their signature leather biker jackets and larger-than-life shag hairdos. And of course, there is always Debbie Harry of Blondie who is basically the patron saint of foxy mom jeans, pairing hers with a seemingly effortless tank or tee.

And where would we be without grunge? It was Kurt Cobain who wore his slouchy jeans with flannels and permanent guitar fades on the thighs, setting the palette-cleansing tone for the early nineties after the hair band prominence of the decade previous, and changing the entire idea of what rock could look like. See? There is no better way to wear denim than the rock 'n' roll way. Here, see six denim muses to inspire a crescendo of cool into your next look. Drum roll, please.



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