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Skinny Jeans For All

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We all have a pair: those trusted jeans we slip into to flaunt that feeling of figure fabulousness. But if it's been a while since you've fit into yours, or you just don't own a pair, there may be help for you. You might achieve the illusion of "skinny jeans" with [Tummy Tuck Jeans](#) -- denims that promise to mask your body's biggest flaws.

How do they do it? For starters, these are not trendy low-rider boot-leg jeans. They know you have curves and they accommodate them, rather than strapping them into an unforgiving waistband that hugs your hips instead of your waist. The stretchy denim has some lycra in it, which is nothing new for jeans but helps your legs and butt settle into the fabric.

The manufacturer is called "Not Your Daughter's Jeans," and they promise their product will "flatten your tummy, lift your buttocks, and allow you to wear a size smaller." I'm normally an 8, so I tested a 6 and found two of the statements to be true: My colleague Margit commented "They flatten your butt -- and I'm not sure that's such a good thing." OK. Lifting was not going to happen for me.

On the plus side, my stomach looked flat as a pancake in these dark-wash dungarees with yellow stitching on the fly and pockets. I also felt like I could have run or danced as easily as walked and sat in my chair, they were that pliable and soft. I can see wearing them with heeled boots and a blouse or sweater out to dinner, or with my clogs and a sweatshirt for Saturday errands in the neighborhood.

Margit disputed the size-smaller claim. In her experience, the stomach-flattening feature made the fit in the hips less comfortable. Tammy, too, found them snug but liked the dark wash and striations in the fabric.

Tummy Tucks come in several washes and styles -- including versions with rhinestones, capris, low-rise and "denimlike cashmere" -- and are available in sizes 2 to 24, including large petites. You can even tuck yourself into gauchos or a skirt made of the magic material. So if "skinny jeans" are not your thing, a skinny skirt might be.