

## V Blazer

A long line blazer, also known as an oversized blazer, is a suit jacket that is constructed to fit more spacious, and larger than the typical blazer. Oversized fashion in particular is made for more than just comfort. The oversized trend has been around since the 1920's, starting after World War I. After years of tight corsetry and uncomfortable outfits, women were tired and wanted something new. They wanted a comfortable and different look, and relaxation after the war.

Coco Chanel was one of the early designers for women's sportswear. With this, she began making clothing out of softer fabrics, and with new silhouettes, such as trousers, or more masculine clothing than what had been previously available. With sportswear continuing to grow it led to more options for women. Although she was known for her tweed suits, she also made tweed suiting that had the long line blazer, to match the maxi skirt. Her thought process while creating and designing was rebellion against what women had originally been restricted to wearing. According to Vernose (2020) she "wanted women to exude elegance while allowing them to move freely." Hence, what she designed by using new fabrics and silhouettes. Throughout history the brand continues to work by what Chanel originally created. Today, many designers create oversized blazers as it is chic, practical, and exudes self-confidence. *The images below show examples of oversized blazers.*



**Coco Chanel for Chanel, 1929**



**Clare Waight Keller for Givenchy, 2020**

### **Boat Leg**

A wide leg pant or palazzo pant is a trend that has been in and out of fashion for the last century. It is exactly that—a pant with a wide leg throughout the whole fit. This style pant had a record of existence in the early 1900's, as it was rarely worn as a fashion statement but worn as a necessity. The designer of the wide leg pant cannot be traced down to any specific person, but can be traced to Coco Chanel for creating the trend. She would typically wear the trousers of the men she was dating to be able to achieve the oversized appeal she wanted. Then, created her sportswear collection, and chose to design them herself. In the late 1920's she was spotted wearing these pants with her pearl necklace at the beach, and a trend was born.

The wide leg pant would continue to go on and get replicated year after year, altering it to match other fashions. The fabrics also began to change, beginning from using tweed and jersey

to eventually other designers doing denims, and using polyesters and nylon. Despite their popularity coming and going every so often, according to Schiro (1997) finding slim fitting pants are hard because “wide-leg pants are the style of the season” Currently, wide leg pants have swung up in popularity again, which may surround the idea of comfortability, during the these times in the COVID-19 pandemic. *The image below shows a model from a collection.*



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