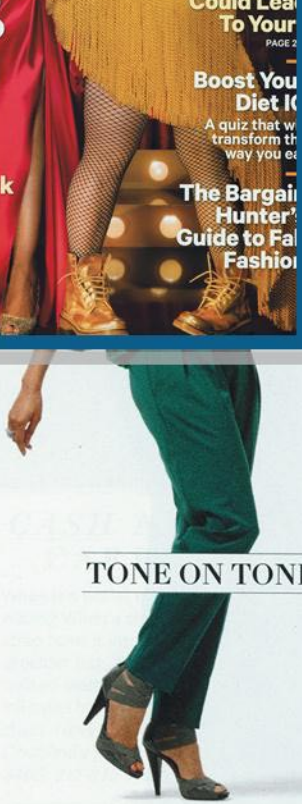




YES YOU CAN... WEAR COLORED PANTS!

These simple rules will guide you.



NEUTRALS

Wearing tone on tone is no different from head-to-toe black: You're creating a line with a single palette—in this case, dusty teal.

- ✓ **Keep the color quiet.** You don't want to be mistaken for a Cirque du Soleil acrobat.
- ✓ When in doubt, go for a **nude shoe.** (Pants, Diane von Furstenberg, \$298; dvf.com)



LONGER TOP

Control the amount of color you're showing with a long tunic, jacket, or, as shown here, poncho.

- ✓ **Neutrals look lovely against color.** Consider charcoal, camel, even a deep aubergine.
- ✓ **Balance a skinny silhouette** on the bottom with a looser, more flowing top. (Pants, Rebecca Taylor, \$295; 212-243-2600)



METALLICS

There's a time to blend in and a time to stand out. If you really want to light up a room, don't pair a shiny top with black; brightly colored pants have lots more pop.

- ✓ **Wider cut, boot-leg pants** actually slim hips.
- ✓ **The higher the heel,** the longer-looking the legs. (Pants, Timo Weiland, \$228; barneys.com)



Next Big Thing

The perfect python-print cocktail dress. With a black sweater, it's office-friendly, too. (Rickie Freeman for Teri Jon, was \$420, now \$357 with code OPRAH; terijon.com)

PYTHON IS THE NEW LEOPARD

Please note: We at O show only faux. No snakes were harmed to bring you these styles.

COLOR-BLOCKING 101

Mixing chunks of bold colors is a terrific concept, but last spring too many women were walking around looking like giant Legos. This fall embrace the trend without looking silly by getting the color-block effect from a single item, instead of doing the mix-and-match on your own.



Add a black cashmere sweater to this **tricolor skirt**, and you're good to go. (\$275; dkny.com for stores)

This **color-blocked shoe** gives classic camel a whole new vibe. (\$30; amiclubwear.com)

Next Big Thing

Not sure the look is for you? Start small—you'll keep more money in your **color-blocked wallet.** (\$85; mywalit.com)

WANT JUST A TOUCH OF TREND?



I'm crazy for this belt—a vibrant hit of **color and texture.** (\$20; zara.com)



Here's a clutch that proves a **neutral can get noticed!** (Nävoh, \$98; shop.nordstrom.com)