

Review by Tim Schmidt

TOTERS™

Blackie Collins®

I've always wondered about the "Toters" jeans from Blackie Collins. They sounded like a pretty neat concept, but I had never seen anyone actually wearing them. Well, I finally decided to stop wondering and just order a pair. The folks at Blackie Collins were very pleasant to deal with on the phone. It seems like good customer service is harder and harder to find these days, so when I get treated nicely, it really means a lot to me!

Jane and Blackie Collins



Okay, on to the Toters jeans. The first thing I noticed about the "Toters" jeans from Blackie Collins was that they were really heavy. I mean when I picked them up, I thought, "Wow, these jeans are really substantial!"

Let's start with the front pockets. Both left and right front pockets are lined with a super-strength, "Cordura Plus" material. The pockets also have a super-deep holster panel of this same material sewn right into these main pockets. These holster panels have an adjustable lacing system built right in that allows you to adjust the size of the opening. This opening is where you stick your gun. You adjust this opening so that your trigger guard just fits in and allows for a nice, snug fit.

Now if you want to, you can just leave the lace system out and use a traditional pocket holster. The heavy-duty, Cordura Plus material does a great job of masking any "gun-printing."

The Toters jeans also have a nice, little knife pocket sewn onto both the left and right thighs. These knife pockets are about six inches deep and about three inches wide. They're perfect for holding your folding knife.

Another nice thing I noticed about both the front "holster" pockets and the knife pockets was that they have heavy duty rivets on the corner stress points. This makes a lot of sense. I have to tell you, these jeans are designed to take a lot of abuse!

Finally, as if these design features were not enough, the folks at Blackie Collins decided to line the insides of the



back pockets with this same Cordura Plus material. All I have to say is...Wow!

How did the jeans fit? They were very comfortable. As I am writing this article, I have them on with my Glock 21 in my right pocket and my full-size 1911 in my left pocket. No, I don't normally walk around with two full-size .45 autos. I just thought I'd see if the jeans were still comfortable while carrying around two big guns, and they were!

You'll have to pay about \$75 to get a pair of the Blackie Collins Toters, but if you ask me, they're worth every penny. They're made right here in the United States, and like I said before, they're built like an Abrams tank.

Now, I'll admit that I've purchased blue jeans from Old Navy for only \$25. I think the Old Navy jeans are made in Bangladesh, Madagascar or someplace like that. They look fine in the store, but they start to fall apart after you wash them 3 times!

The bottom line is that these "Toters" jeans from Blackie Collins are definitely worth the extra money. They are a really unique product and I'm glad I have a pair.

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