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Clive Smith

**Everybody in khakis. Marlborough Chelsea
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Everybody in khakis.

Is it possible these days to avoid the ubiquitous khaki pants? Is it even desirable, for that matter? There's something so casually elegant about them: the color, earthy, soothing, and yet sober; the cut, conservative but at the same time a little bit loose and funky. And let's not forget the models that have been seen posing in them in ads for the Gap, Banana Republic, and Brooks Brothers. Clive Smith has taken photos of many a khaki-clad model, and those photos have received plaudits from aesthetic authorities as high and as mighty as London's National Portrait Gallery. See if you agree, if you think that they transcend commercialness and reach the level of art. --*Jeremy Dauber*